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AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

June 24, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re - DR. JOSEPE P. MORAN, with  
alias - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232.  
ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES.  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. E. Dill,  
Cleveland, Ohio, dated 6-22-37, in which Philadelphia was to  
receive two copies. Please be advised only copy of this  
report has been received to date.

Very truly yours,

G. H. LONDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau ✓

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
P. O. Box #1525  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 24, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is again made to Bureau communication dated June 11, 1937 (7-576), pertaining to Thompson Sub-Machine Gun, Serial # 6718.

Please be informed that F. M. Smith of the Federal Laboratories, Inc., during an interview had with Special Agent D. DiLillo of this office, informed that the weapon so numbered was sold to Crawford County, Girard, Kansas, December 16, 1932; that it was, however, returned to the Auto Ordnance Corporation on December 31, 1932 and that on January 23, 1933 the weapon was again sold to the State of Massachusetts, it having been shipped on the given date to the Massachusetts State Farm at South Bridgewater. Mr. Smith believes that Thompson Sub-Machine Gun # 6718 is still in possession of the Massachusetts State Farm.

Mr. Smith informed that Thompson Sub-Machine Gun, Serial # 12085, was shipped to Crawford County at Girard, Kansas on May 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*R. J. Untreiner*  
R. J. UNTREINER  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

404 New York Building,

St. Paul, Minn.

June 24, 1937.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

This will advise that a letter has been received from Hon. George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney under date of June 18, 1937, which advises that the exhibits introduced in behalf of the Government in the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis, Mo., involving Harry Sawyer and Cassius McDonald have been returned to the Clerk of the U. S. District Court at St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. Sullivan inquired whether it be the wish of the Bureau that these original exhibits be returned to it, and if so the United States Attorney will gladly cooperate to that end.

It is requested that this office be advised whether the Bureau desires to have the exhibits in the Sawyer and McDonald cases returned to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

EHW:SEC  
cc-Cincinnati

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7-576-14463 July 3, 1937.  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1832; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING,  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, HARBORING OF FUGI-  
TIVES. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated  
June 24, 1937, in which inquiry is made as to whether the  
Bureau desires that the exhibits in the Sawyer and  
McDonald cases be forwarded to the Bureau.

It is requested that you advise as to the nature of  
the exhibits you have in mind, so that the Bureau will be in  
a position to determine the advisability of having them  
returned.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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INVESTIGATION  
DIVISION

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2344  
Boston, Massachusetts  
June 25, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MORAN, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232;  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
VICTIM. KIDNAPING ETC.

There is being attached herewith, with a copy of this letter for the Technical Laboratory, group photograph, containing a picture of GEORGE G. RORKE, who is being interviewed by this division in connection with Machine Gun 950, found in the possession of Alvin Karpis at the time of his arrest.

Mr. Rorke's photograph appears in the last row of the group, and he is the only man in the last row, not wearing a hat.

It is suggested that photograph of Mr. Rorke be developed for completion of the Bureau File in this case and that the group picture be returned to this office immediately to be returned to its owner.

Very truly yours,

E. A. SOUCH  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Technical Laboratory.  
Enclosure

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Re: George Timiney; Dr. Joseph P.  
Moran, Fugitive, I. O. 1232;  
et al.; Edward George Bremer,  
Victim; Kidnaping, Etc.

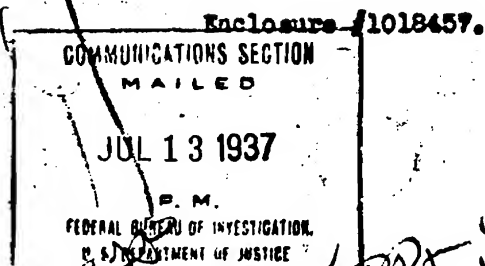
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated  
June 25, 1937 relative to the above-entitled case, transmitting  
a group photograph containing a picture of George G. Rorke.

Pursuant to your request, photographic copies have  
been made of Mr. Rorke for completion of the Bureau's file in  
this case and the original group picture is being returned to  
your office herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



ARTHUR G. LAMBERT

ATTORNEY AT LAW

218-19 MUNSEY BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 26, 1937

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I represent Mr. Harry L. Sherman, who communicated  
certain information to your assistants of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation, which he asserts, led to the  
apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

I have taken the matter up with the office of the  
Attorney General and am informed by Mr. Joseph B. Keenan,  
Assistant to the Attorney General, that it is in order  
at this time to take the matter up in an interview with  
appropriate officials of the Bureau of Investigation.

I would appreciate the opportunity for a conference with  
such officials of the bureau as you may designate and also  
being informed as to the arrangements for the same.

Very truly yours,

*Arthur R. Murphy*

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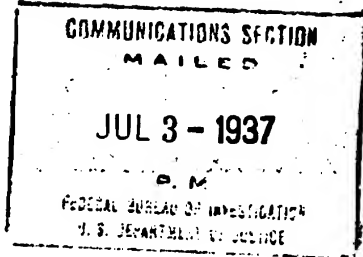
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Mr. Arthur R. Murphy,  
Attorney at Law,  
218-19 Munsey Building,  
Washington, D. C.

I am in receipt of your communication dated June 26, 1957, requesting a conference with an official of the Bureau with reference to the claim of Harry L. Sherman for a reward in connection with the apprehension of Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Frenchman .....  
Mr. Green .....  
Mr. Hall .....  
Mr. Haynes .....  
Mr. Johnson .....  
Mr. Jones .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schuler .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-3

REPORT MADE AT <b>Louisville, Ky.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/26/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/17/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. H. LAUGHLIN</b> RHL:fw
TITLE <b>GEORGE TILNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Mrs. Hattie Chaney faintly remembers writing to one Ben Grayson, concerning a bill due to J. E. Blanford, groceryman, Henderson, Ky. She does not know Grayson, and has no knowledge of his present whereabouts. J. E. Blanford does not remember any customer of his named Groves or Grayson. Post Office records checked with negative results.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RUC.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE</b> Report of Special Agent F. E. Hurley, Louisville, Ky., dated November 4, 1936.</p> <p><b>DETAILS</b> Special Agent J. A. Martin made inquiries at 426 S. Shelby St., Frankfort, Ky., and was informed by Mrs. Kizzie See, who lives at that address, that Mrs. Hattie Chaney had moved to Henderson, Ky., and was presently employed by Mr. George Haley, District Supervisor, State Highway Department, Corydon, Ky.</p> <p>Mrs. Chaney was interviewed at the office of the Kentucky State Highway Department, Floyd and Kentucky, and she advised that she had received a letter addressed to her by this office, asking her to submit any information which she might possess concerning Benson Groves alias Ben Grayson. Mrs. Chaney stated that she had a faint recollection of having written a letter to one Ben Grayson, while he was incarcerated in the Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. She advised that she was not</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>O. C. Dewey</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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personally acquainted with anyone by the name of Grayson, but believed that the letter which she wrote pertained to a bill which Grayson owed to J. E. Blanford, a groceryman located at 736 Second Street, Henderson, Ky. Mrs. Chaney stated further that she believed that this letter was sent by registered mail, but she was unable to remember whether or not the letter was returned, or whether a return receipt was sent to the Henderson Credit Bureau by the Post Office. Mrs. Chaney was acquainted with the information set out in reference report concerning one Ben Grayson, from whom the Henderson Credit Bureau had attempted to collect \$27.50, which Grayson owed to A. T. Callendar Coal Co., of Henderson, Ky. Mrs. Chaney advised that A. T. Callendar did not operate a coal company, but operated a grocery store, and that apparently the collection of this bill was for a grocery store rather than a coal company, inasmuch as she had no knowledge of such a coal company existing in the vicinity of Henderson, Ky. Mrs. Chaney appeared to be particularly well informed concerning the persons in business houses in Henderson, Ky., and it is believed that her information concerning A. T. Callendar is correct. She advised that A. T. Callendar was no longer in business having closed approximately four or five years ago. It was pointed out to Mrs. Chaney that inasmuch as A. T. Callendar operated a grocery store, it is probable that what she remembers concerning one Ben Grayson is identical with the transaction set out in reference report, and that her belief that the letter written to the Atlanta Penitentiary to one Ben Grayson, was in connection with the A. T. Callendar account, which, according to reference report, concerns a party not identical with Benson Groves. Mrs. Chaney stated that this was quite probable since this transaction took place quite a long time ago, but she was quite positive she had written a letter to the Atlanta Penitentiary.

J. E. Blanford, 736 Second St., Henderson, Ky., was interviewed, and he advised that he had never had any customer by the name of Ben Grayson or Benson Groves. He stated that he had turned over several accounts to the old Henderson Credit Bureau, but was sure that none of these accounts were for the above named individual.

Since Mrs. Chaney was of the opinion that the letter which she believed she had written to Atlanta Penitentiary was sent by registered mail, Agent contacted W. E. Server, Assistant Postmaster, Henderson, Ky.,

who permitted the writer to search the registered letter records for the period from July 1, 1931, to December 31, 1932. During this period several letters were noted as having been sent by the Henderson Credit Bureau to various individuals, but none of these was addressed to Benson Groves, or Ben Grayson, and none of the letters carried the address of the Atlanta Penitentiary.

A review of the file in the Louisville Field Office reflects that all investigation has been covered, and no leads are presently outstanding. Accordingly this case is being referred upon completion to the Office of Origin.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION  
TO THE  
OFFICE OF ORIGIN

1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

June 25, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

RE: DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with alias -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1252;  
ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 24, 1937, advising  
that your office had received only one copy of report of  
Special Agent E. R. Dill, Cleveland, Ohio, dated June 22, 1937.

Please be advised that one copy went forward to you  
on June 22nd, and the second copy, from the second run, was  
forwarded under date of June 24th. No doubt this second  
copy has already reached you. However, if it has not, please  
communicate with this office again.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 29 1937
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

700 West Virginia Building  
Huntington, West Virginia.

June 26, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

GEORGE TIMINEX;  
DR. JOSEPH P. VORAN with aliases-  
FUGITIVE I.O. #1232 - et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping, etc.

Dear Sir:

Since there are no leads outstanding in  
this district in the above entitled case the same is  
being referred upon completion to the office of  
origin.

Very truly yours,

J. D. REYNOLDS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC - Bureau ✓  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

KRM:CJ

June 16, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: POSSIBLE PROSECUTION OF JOSEPH  
H. ADAMS AND HENRY DUKE RANDALL  
ON CHARGE OF VIOLATING THE  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

Reference is made to your conversation with Special Agent Nichols with respect to a possible prosecution of Adams and Randall on the charge of having violated the National Firearms Act. There is submitted herewith a statement of fact with reference to such a possible violation:

William Harrison and Harry Sawyer registered into the El Comodoro Hotel on September 1, 1934, where they remained until September 12, 1934, and where they were joined by Cassius McDonald. It was Harrison and McDonald who exchanged Bremer ransom monies at Havana, Cuba. According to the signed statement of Joseph Adams, approximately two days before Harrison and Sawyer checked out of the El Comodoro Hotel (which would be on or about September 10, 1934), "Harrison came to me in my private office at the El Comodoro with a package wrapped in newspaper. He told me there was a gun in the package and asked me if I would keep it until he returned. He mentioned that he was going back to Havana to close their deal at the Jockey Club and all the gambling. About two days after giving me the gun Harrison and 'Sea Lion' (Sawyer) checked out of the hotel unbeknown to me."

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With further reference to this gun, Adams has advised in his signed statement that:

"With reference to the gun that I mentioned above and which was left with me by Harrison, several weeks after he left the El Comodoro, I spoke to T. C. Blackburn about this package asking him if he knew when Harrison would return to Miami. This was prior to Thanksgiving some time. I did not tell Blackburn what was in the package nor did I tell anyone else about it. Then about the middle of Dec. 1934, I saw Harrison in the lobby of the El Comodoro and I asked him when he was going to take the package he had left me. He replied that he would call for it the next day, but

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*As a matter of course Court should decide upon constitutionality of the Act & not the Prosecutor.*

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he never did. From the time I received this gun in Sept. 1934, it remained wrapped in paper in my golf bag which was sitting in my office at the Hotel. Just before Xmas 1934, I had my office located on the main floor at the Hotel repainted. For this reason I moved my office temporarily to room 210 in the El Comodoro. I moved my golf bag up there placing it in the closet and at that time I thought of the gun in the golf bag. I took the package out and opened it when I recognized it was a machine gun of some kind. I also noticed that the manufacturers name on the gun, as well as other marks of identification had been chisled off of it. There were also several clips in the package all of which contained cartridges. The gun that has been shown to me by Special Agents Hanson and Jones appears to be the same gun that was left with me by Harrison. When I saw what kind of a gun this was, I put it back in the golf sack. Several days later, after debating what to do with the gun, I called Duke Randall to my office, showed him the gun after removing it from my golf bag, gave him the gun and the clips and told him to throw the gun and clips in the Bay. I did not tell him to have a box made for the gun or to check it in the check room at the El Comodoro Hotel. After this occasion, Duke Randall told me he had dumped the gun in the bay. I had never registered this gun with the Collector of Internal Revenue and had never taken any steps in connection with it in any manner except as has been described above."

Randall in his signed statement has furnished the following information with reference to this gun:

"About a week before the shooting at Ocala, Fla., Joe Adams called me to his office in room #210 at the El Comodoro. He told me that a friend had left a rifle with him and that he did not want his people to know he had it in case something happened to him. He did not show me this gun at this time. However, he told me to have a box made for it. That night at the Biscayne Kennel Club, I asked Lee Kane, the carpenter, who also works and lives at the El Comodoro Hotel to make a box for the rifle. The next afternoon when I went to the track, Kane had made a box. We tried to put a shotgun in it and when it wouldn't fit, Kane altered the box. Then on the next day I got the box from Kane and took it to my room at the Ta-Miami Hotel. I then went to Adams' office in room #210 at the El Comodoro when I told Adams that the box for the gun was finished. He then opened his closet door and took out a golf bag. This is a big brown leather bag. It has a zipper top

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to it and the boxes in the bag are covered with a darker brown leather. He unlocked the bag and took from it an automatic rifle. I have identified a gun that has been shown to me by special agent Hanson as the gun Adams took from this bag and gave to me on this occasion. Adams and I took the gun apart after which we wrapped it in newspapers. He also gave me four clips for this gun. They were loaded. They also came from the golf bag which also contained some gold sticks. At this time Adams told me to put the gun in the box, put a fictitious name on it and then check it in the check room at the El Comodoro Hotel. Nothing was said about a claim check for the box. After he said this he told me I could sell this weapon or get rid of it in anyway that I wanted to. I then took the gun to my room in the Ta-Miami Hotel where I put it and the clips in the box that I had had made at the dog track. I then left the gun in my clothes closet after having painted on the box in ink, the name of the 'Hill Hardware Co., Brooklyn, N.Y.' as consignee with the 'U S Steel Co., of Bethlehem, Pa.', as consignor. The gun then remained there until the same day that Delores Delaney and Wynona Burdette left Miami, when on that night I asked Mr. Rolfe at the Biscayne Kennel Club if he would be interested in buying an automatic rifle. I offered it to him for \$150.00. I told him a friend of mine had given it to me and that I knew where he could get 2 more of them. This was a lie as I did not know where any more such guns were located, nor had I heard of anymore. Rolfe told me to bring the gun to his office the next day which I did. At Rolfe's office, Rolfe and I who were alone put the gun together. We also loaded it when it accidentally discharged. Rolfe didn't agree to buy it but said he would see me that night. When I saw him he said that he couldn't use the gun and that I could get it back. I never did get it."

The gun which has been referred to above is a Browning Automatic Rifle, U. S. Calibre .30, Model 1918, Serial No. 211349. This gun is also commonly referred to as a Browning light machine gun. The Bureau's attention was first attracted to this gun on January 22, 1935 when Merle H. Rolfe of the Rolfe-Armored Car Service, Miami, Florida, notified the then Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling, Miami, Florida to the effect that he had a gun in his possession which would be of interest. Accordingly, former Special Agent E. L. Tollett obtained the above-mentioned Browning automatic Rifle from Mr. Rolfe. Rolfe at that time explained that Duke Randall had been employed as a guard for the Rolfe Armored Car Service and that on January 18, 1935 Randall came to Rolfe's office bringing with him the said rifle; that at that time Randall explained it was one of three in Miami and offered to sell it to

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Rolfe for \$150.00.

Attention is directed to the fact that the above, and particularly the statements of Adams and Randall, is the only evidence in the possession of the Bureau with reference to the receipt, the possession, the concealing and the transferring of this rifle. Attention is also directed to the fact that the statements of Adams and Randall, from which the above excerpts were taken, were suppressed during the recent trial of Adams and Randall on the charge of having conspired to harbor Alvin Karpis.

A Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida on February 7, 1935 indicted Adams and Randall in separate indictments, both of which contained seven counts charging each with having violated the Act of Congress approved June 26, 1934, popularly referred to as the National Firearms Act.

It is my understanding that these two indictments are still outstanding and have not been dismissed. I have made efforts to get in touch with Mr. Charles Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General to ascertain this fact definitely but he has been out of his office at all times on which I have tried to communicate with him. I shall clarify this matter as soon as I am able to reach Mr. Carr.

During the spring months of 1936, when I was preparing this case for trial with Mr. Walter L. Barlow, then Special Assistant to the Attorney General, I recall talking with him about a possible prosecution of Adams and Randall on the National Firearms Act. He advised me that, while the issue was never raised on any of the motions in Florida with reference to this case, the Criminal Division of the Department is of the opinion that the Act itself is unconstitutional, for which reason he intimated that no prosecution would be undertaken under the Statute.

It is pointed out that Section 3 of the Act provides, in part:

"There shall be levy, collected and paid, upon firearms transferred in the continental United States, etc."

It is further noted that Section 1 (d) of the Act provides that:

"The term 'continental United States' means the states of the United States and the District of Columbia."



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Mr. Barlow pointed out to me that the Statute is limited consequently to the states and the District of Columbia and is not binding upon Alaska, for which reason the law applies unequally and is not uniform.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

K. R. McIntire.

The c.c.a. for 7<sup>th</sup> circuit - *Max Longinsky v. U.S. of Am.*  
Nov 9-1936 - held section 2 of the Espionage act was  
unconstitutional - specifically stated that no opinion  
was being expressed as to the other sections  
of the act.

*K.R. M.*

903 Pacific Commerce Building  
437 South Hill Street  
Los Angeles, California  
June 25, 1937

Postmaster,  
Long Beach, California

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation which is being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that a 30-day mail cover be placed on all first-class, special delivery, and registered mail addressed to MR. and MRS. L. JORDAN and any other occupants of Apartment 15 at 525 Orange Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Kindly forward all tracings therefrom to this office for the attention of file 7-42.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this and other matters in the past, I remain

Very truly yours,

RHP:GCH  
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cc-Bureau

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RE: BREKID

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

June 29, 1937..

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked with Mr. Holtzoff about the attached check for \$135.50 dated May 29, 1937, and submitted to you for endorsement by Joseph H. Adams with his letter of June 28, 1937. Mr. Holtzoff states that while in the ordinary instance it would be all right for you to deposit this check to your own account and send your check to Adams, in view of all the circumstances in this matter and the identity of the persons involved, he would recommend against any endorsement upon this check. Mr. Holtzoff stated that there are two procedures which are open to Adams in connection with this check; namely, he can forward it to the U. S. Marshal for the District of Columbia asking that the Marshal deposit the check to the Marshal's account and sent to him, Adams, the Marshal's check covering the amount; or second, Adams can return the check to the Marshal requesting that the Marshal's endorsement be removed therefrom, which an endorser can legally do at any time prior to the check's passing into the hands of a subsequent endorsee.

I am attaching hereto a letter addressed to Adams returning the check declining to endorse it, and pointing out the alternative channels which are open to him.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMMRECORDED  
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*Comfort without Extravagance  
Service without Annoyance*

# EL COMODORO Hotel

COR. S. W. 2ND AVE. AND FIRST ST. S. W.

MIAMI, FLORIDA

June 28, 1937

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Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Dwyer  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
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Mr. Nichols  
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Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Winterrowd  
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a check payable to the United States Marshall, Washington, D.C. in payment of your expense during the Joseph H. Adams trial; but as one of the local agents appeared the Marshall returned the check to me. Since he made the check payable to you it will be necessary that we have your endorsement on same in order to get it cashed.

If you will please endorse and return the check to me it will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*Joe N. Williams*  
Manager

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 Mr. Joe H. Adams,  
 El Comodoro Hotel,  
 Miami, Florida.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of June 28, 1937 transmitting a cashier's check drawn on the First National Bank of Miami, Florida, in the amount of \$135.50, payable to the United States Marshal for the District of Columbia, which check was endorsed by the Marshal to me, I am returning herewith the check which accompanied your letter, and have not endorsed this check.

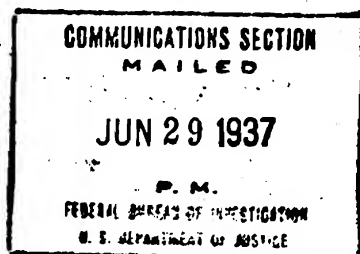
I have been advised that it is possible for you to return this check to the United States Marshal for the District of Columbia, who may deposit it to his account and transmit to you his check for the amount involved in the transaction. I am further advised that if for any reason it is not desirable to follow this procedure, the enclosed check may be forwarded to the United States Marshal, who may legally remove his endorsement and return it to you for appropriate negotiation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
 Director.

Enclosure #863950

REGISTERED MAIL



Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten signature]*

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building  
Omaha, Nebraska

June 28, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: GEORGE TIMINNEY;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping; Harboring of Fugitives;  
Obstruction of Justice; National  
Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 22, 1937  
(7-576) in reply to my letter dated June 7, 1937 with regard to  
our contact with C. D. Stickle.

Special Agent J. L. Flood in a conversation with  
Assistant Attorney General Barlow Nye, State Capitol Building,  
Lincoln, Nebraska was advised that when Mr. Stickle first came  
to the office of the State Attorney General at Lincoln, he asked  
for a position as a deputy sheriff or employment as a confidential  
informant, desiring to work out of the aforementioned office in  
order to develop evidence of violations of the State Liquor Laws  
in Nebraska. Mr. Nye advised that no type of investigators work  
out of the Attorney General's Office at Lincoln; therefore, they  
were not in a position to offer Mr. Stickle employment. Mr. Stickle  
then unfolded his story to Richard Hunter, Attorney General and Mr.  
Nye, relative to Mrs. Gladys Sawyer having a number of unset diamonds  
in her possession. Mr. Hunter telephonically communicated with  
Edward G. Bremer and subsequently Mr. Nye notified the Omaha Field  
Division.

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Recently, inquiries at Brandes-Campbell Motor Company, 2523 Farnam Street, Omaha and at the Jennette Apartments, 506 So. 21st Street, Omaha, developed information that Mr. Stickle had left Omaha for some point in California about ten days ago. He left no forwarding address. William Ellwood, Clerk, Omaha Post Office, likewise had no forwarding address on file for Mr. Stickle; therefore, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, this Field Division will make no further efforts to locate Stickle, as it is not believed he has any honest information to furnish agents of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*H. B. Fletcher*  
H. B. FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JLF/dr  
cc - St. Paul

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June 30, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON.

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In keeping with the oral request of Mr. J. J. Waters of your Division made of Mr. E. R. McIntire of this Bureau on June 29, 1937, I am transmitting herewith photostatic copies of the firearms indictments against Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #A-14817

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Dawsey  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

DECEMBER TERM 1934, A. D. 1934.

HELD AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

The grand jurors of the United States of America, duly impaneled, sworn and charged to inquire within and for the Southern District of Florida, upon their oaths present:

That on or about, to-wit, the 15th day of December, A. D. 1934, at Miami, in Dade County, Florida, in the Southern District of Florida and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendant

HENRY RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, alias DUKE RANDALL, alias HENRY STERN, whose real and true name is to this grand jury and these grand jurors unknown,

did then and there unlawfully sell, barter, exchange, give away, dispense and transfer to one M. R. HOLFE, a certain firearm, to-wit, a certain machine gun which was a weapon then and there capable of and designed to shoot automatically and semi-automatically more than one shot without the manual reloading of such weapon, by a single function of the trigger, more particularly described as follows: a certain Browning automatic rifle, also known as Browning light machine gun, model of 1918, manufactured by Winchester Repeating Arms Company, and bearing the serial number 21119, not in pursuance of a written order form of the said M. R. Holfe, on a form issued in blank in duplicate for that purpose by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 26, 1934, called the National Firearms Act;

Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

## SECOND COUNT.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present:

That on or about, to-wit, the 15th day of December, A. D. 1934, at Miami, in Dade County, Florida, in the Southern District of Florida and within the jurisdiction of this Court,

HENRY RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, alias DUKE RANDALL,

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alias HENRY STERN, whose real and true name  
is to this grand jury and these grand jurors  
unknown,

did unlawfully, wilfully, knowingly, fraudulently and feloniously at Miami,  
in Dade County, Florida, a place in the continental United States, transfer  
to M. H. Salfie, a certain firearm, to-wit, a certain machine gun which was  
a weapon then and there capable of and designed to shoot automatically and  
semi-automatically more than one shot without the manual reloading of such  
weapon, by a single function of the trigger, more particularly described as  
follows: a certain Browning automatic rifle, also known as Browning light  
machine gun, model of 1918, manufactured by Winchester Repeating Arms  
Company, and bearing the serial number 211319, upon which said firearm and  
transfer thereof, it was then and there required by the laws of the United  
States that there should be levied, collected and paid, a certain tax of  
the United States of America in the amount of \$200.00, such tax being then  
and there required to be paid by the transferor of such firearm, to-wit, the  
said HENRY RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, alias DUNE RANDALL, alias HENRY  
STERN, whose real and true name is to this grand jury and these grand jurors  
unknown, the payment of which said tax was then and there required by law  
to be represented and evidenced by appropriate stamps provided for that  
purpose by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States with the  
approval of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, the said  
stamps being then and there required by law to be affixed to the order for  
such firearm which was required by law, and which said firearm the defendant  
did so transfer without the payment by any one whatsoever of the tax afore-  
said and without said stamps being affixed to said order as aforesaid;

Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and  
provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

#### THIRD COUNT.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid,  
do further present:

That on or about, to-wit, the 15th day of December, A.D. 1934,  
at Miami, in Dade County, Florida, in the Southern District of Florida and  
within the jurisdiction of this Court,

HENRY RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, alias DUNE



RANDALL, alias HENRY STERN, whose real and true name is to this grand jury and these grand jurors unknown,

did unlawfully, wilfully, knowingly, fraudulently and feloniously transfer to M. E. Rolfe, a certain firearm, to-wit, a certain machine gun, which was a weapon then and there capable of and designed to shoot automatically and semi-automatically more than one shot without the manual reloading of such weapon, by a single function of the trigger, more particularly described as follows: a certain Browning automatic rifle, also known as Browning light machine gun, model of 1918, manufactured by Winchester Repeating Arms Company, and bearing the serial number 211319, which said firearm had theretofore after the 26th day of July, A.D. 1934, and previous to the transfer as aforesaid, been transferred to the said HENRY RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, alias DUKE RANDALL, alias HENRY STERN, whose real and true name is to this grand jury and these grand jurors unknown, by some transferor who is to this grand jury and these grand jurors unknown, without transferring from the said HENRY RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, alias DUKE RANDALL, alias HENRY STERN, whose real and true name is to this grand jury and these grand jurors unknown, to the said M. E. Rolfe the stamped affixed order as required by the law and regulations in such case made and provided for proof of payment of all taxes then and there imposed on such firearm and in addition thereto without the order containing the manufacturer's number or other mark identifying such firearm and without forwarding a copy of such order to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States and without returning to the said M. E. Rolfe the original order, required by law to be made, with the stamp denoting the payment of the tax on such firearm affixed thereto, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

FOURTH COUNT.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present:

That on or about, to-wit, the 15th day of December, A.D. 1934, at Miami, in Dade County, Florida, in the Southern District of Florida and within the jurisdiction of this Court,

HENRY RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, alias DUKE  
RANDALL, alias HENRY STERN, whose real and true  
name is to this grand jury and those grand jurors  
unknown,

did unlawfully, wilfully, knowingly, fraudulently and feloniously receive and  
possess a certain firearm, to-wit, a certain machine gun, which was a weapon  
then and there capable of and designed to shoot automatically and semi-  
automatically more than one shot without the manual reloading of such weapon,  
by a single function of the trigger, more particularly described as follows:  
a certain Browning automatic rifle, also known as Browning light machine gun,  
model of 1918, manufactured by Winchester Repeating Arms Company, and bearing  
the serial number 211349, which had theretofore and subsequent to the 26th day  
of July, 1934, been transferred by a person or persons to the grand jury  
unknown, in violation of Sections 3 and 4, of the Act of Congress, approved the  
26th day of June, A.D. 1934, to-wit, the "National Firearms Act", that is to  
say, that the said firearm hereinabove described had theretofore and subsequent  
to the said 26th day of July, 1934, been transferred not in pursuance of a  
written order form from the transferee on an application form issued in blank  
in duplicate for that purpose by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the  
United States, and without the payment by the transferor thereof of that certain  
tax in the amount of \$200.00 required by law to be levied, collected and paid  
upon such firearm and to be represented by appropriate stamps provided for  
that purpose by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States with  
the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, which  
said stamps were then and there required to be affixed to the order for such  
firearm required by law to be made;

Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and pro-  
vided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

FIFTH COUNT.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do  
further present:

That on or about, to-wit, the 15th day of December, A.D. 1934, at  
Miami, in Dade County, Florida, in the Southern District of Florida and within  
the jurisdiction of this court,

HENRY RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, alias DUKE

RANDALL, alias HENRY STERN, whose real and true name is to this grand jury and these grand jurors unknown,

did unlawfully, wilfully, knowingly, fraudulently and feloniously receive, and possess a certain firearm, to-wit, a certain machine gun, which was a weapon then and there capable of and designed to shoot automatically and semi-automatically more than one shot without the manual reloading of such weapon, by a single function of the trigger, more particularly described as follows: a certain Browning automatic rifle, also known as Browning light machine gun, model of 1918, manufactured by Winchester Repeating Arms Company, and bearing the serial number 211349, which had theretofore and subsequent to the 26th day of July, 1934, been transferred by a person or persons to the grand jury unknown, not in pursuance of a written order form to the transfer thereof from the person seeking to obtain such firearm on an application form issued in blank in duplicate for that purpose by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States as required by Section 4 of the Act of Congress, approved the 26th day of June, A. D. 1934, to-wit, the "National Firearms Act"; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

SIXTH COUNT.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present:

That on or about, to-wit, the 15th day of December, A. D. 1934, at Miami, in Dade County, Florida, in the Southern District of Florida and within the jurisdiction of this Court,

HENDRY RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, alias DUKE RANDALL, alias HENRY STERN, whose real and true name is to this grand jury and these grand jurors unknown,

did unlawfully, wilfully, knowingly, fraudulently and feloniously obliterate, remove, change and alter the manufacturer's numbers and other identification marks approved by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States stamped and otherwise placed in the manner approved by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue of the United States upon a certain firearm, to-wit, a certain machine gun, which was a weapon then and there capable of and designed to



shoot automatically and semi-automatically more than one shot without the manual reloading of such weapon, by a single function of the trigger, more particularly described as follows: a certain Browning automatic rifle, also known as Browning light machine gun, model of 1918, manufactured by Winchester Repeating Arms Company, and bearing the serial number 211349;

Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

SEVENTH COUNT.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present:

That on or about, to-wit, the 15th day of December, A.D. 1934, at Miami, in Dade County, Florida, in the Southern District of Florida and within the jurisdiction of this Court,

HENRY RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, alias DUKE RANDALL, alias HENRY STERN, whose real and true name is to this grand jury and these grand jurors unknown,

did unlawfully, wilfully, knowingly, fraudulently and feloniously conceal certain goods and commodities, to-wit, a certain firearm, to-wit, a certain machine gun which was a weapon then and there capable of and designed to shoot automatically and semi-automatically more than one shot without the manual reloading of such weapon, by a single function of the trigger, more particularly described as follows: a certain Browning automatic rifle, also known as Browning light machine gun, model of 1918, manufactured by Winchester Repeating Arms Company, and bearing the serial number 211349; for or in respect whereof an Internal Revenue tax of the United States was then and there imposed, with intent then and there on the part of the said HENRY RANDALL, alias HENRY RANDALL, alias DUKE RANDALL, alias HENRY STERN, whose real and true name is to this grand jury and these grand jurors unknown, to defraud the United States and there unlawful and prohibited and

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,

Kansas City, Missouri

June 29, 1937

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter dated June 16, 1937 from the Seattle Office to the Cleveland Office, in which I am requested to contact the Post Office Inspectors at Kansas City, Missouri, in order that they may be apprised of the contents of the letter of Edna Murray, in order that it may be determined whether she and her son, Preston Paden, are entitled to witness fees in connection with the testimony offered by them at Coffeyville, Kansas in connection with the mail robbery case. A letter from Edna Murray to Mr. Suran accompanied the copy of the letter from the Seattle Office.

I recently had some correspondence with the Bureau which relates to attempts by the Warden of the State Penitentiary to collect from the Government the expenses of the guards of the Penitentiary and of Edna Murray in connection with her appearance at St. Paul and at Coffeyville. It would appear, therefore, that in these circumstances the State of Missouri was put to considerable expense in moving this woman around and that she is not entitled to any witness fees. Moreover, I am inclined to the view that this is a matter between the Post Office Inspection Service and Edna Murray and should be handled as between them and not by the Bureau.

I realize that Edna Murray has been of considerable service to the Bureau, but the considerations mentioned prompt me to write you as I do in regard to this matter, and I shall not take any action in connection with it unless specifically so instructed by the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Cleveland  
Seattle

## REPORT

7-576 -14475

July 13, 1937.

**Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.**

RE: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication of June 29, 1937, relative to the request made by Edna Murray of Special Agent in Charge Suran to aid her in obtaining witness fees in connection with the matter of her testifying at Coffeyville, Kansas in regard to the nail robbery case.

The Bureau concurs in your view that this is a matter between the Post Office Inspection Service and Edna Murray and that no action in regard thereto should be taken by representatives of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

**John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.**

Nathan .....  
Mr Tolson .....  
Mr Touchman ....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr Coffey .....  
Mr Dawes .....  
Mr Egan .....  
Mr Foxworth.....  
Mr Glavin .....7  
Mr H .....  
Mc .....  
Miss La .....  
Mrs Nichols .....  
Mr Quinn .....  
  
Mr ...

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June 30, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON.

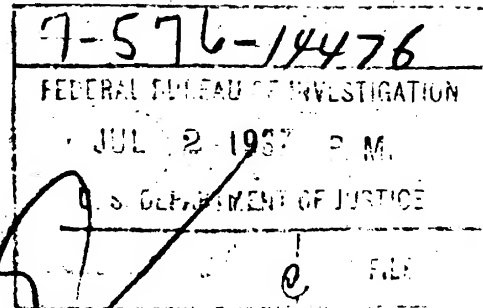
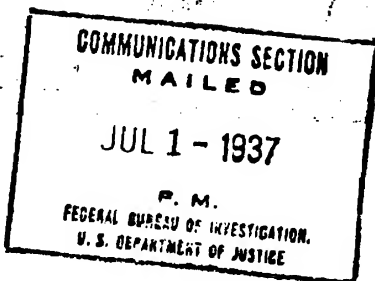
Reference is made to the request of Mr. Charles Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, upon Mr. K. R. McIntire of this Bureau this morning, at which time Mr. Carr desired to be advised as to whether there is further need for preserving the thousand dollar bill bearing Serial No. F-00017095A, Series of 1928-6-G, which was obtained from the possession of Joseph H. Adams by Special Agents of this Bureau on January 26, 1935.

Please be advised the records of this Bureau fail to disclose that this thousand dollar bill will be of any further value in the investigation or prosecution of other pending cases.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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July 3, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1238;  
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIRE-  
ARMS ACT.

With reference to Bureau letter dated April 26,  
1937, suggesting that further interview with appropriate  
officials of the Tulsa Police Department be had in  
connection with the prosecution of Harry Goldstein for  
the illegal sale of a .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol  
which was found in the possession of Alvin Karpis, it is  
desired that you promptly advise as to what action has  
been taken in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 6/30/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/28/37	REPORT MADE BY F. L. Welch
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Ed Davis, Everett, Washington, formerly connected with J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Co., Salina, Kansas, recalls that company sold three Thompson machine guns to PD, Dodge City, Kansas, SO, Dodge City, Kansas, and PD, Oklahoma City, Okla. about 1929. Mr. Davis believes all sales were reported to PD, Salina, Kansas. Records for sales by the Harris Co. may now be in possession Kansas City Sporting Goods Co., Kansas City, Missouri.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter to the Bureau from the Kansas City Field Division dated 4/5/37.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Mr. Ed Davis, who owns and operates the Everett Furniture Store, 2817 Hoyt Avenue, Everett, Washington, stated that he was formerly in business with Mr. J. W. Harris in connection with the J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Company, Salina, Kansas; that he had nothing to do with the records but that he was aware of the fact that Mr. Harris did have some Thompson Machine Guns which he sold. Mr. Davis was certain that one of these guns was sold to the Police Department, Dodge City, Kansas; that one was sold to the Sheriff's Office at Dodge City, Kansas; and a third was sold to the Police Department at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Davis was not certain as to the disposition of the fourth machine gun, which was reported to have been sold to the Harris Company, but he pointed out that this gun could have also been sold to the Police Department at Oklahoma City; in other words, the Police Department at Oklahoma City might have purchased two instead of one.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. C. Sumner</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Mr. Davis advised that he was certain the sales of these machine guns were reported to the Police Department at Salina, Kansas, and that for this reason the Police Department at Salina should have a record of the sale of all four guns. He also stated that the Harris Company was permitted to sell these guns only to law enforcement agencies such as Police Departments and Sheriff's Offices, and that for this reason he was positive that none of the guns sold by the Harris Company were sold to anyone but legitimate purchasers. He stated that although Mr. Harris committed suicide, he believed Harris did sell guns honestly and did not sell to any "shady" persons.

Mr. Davis pointed out that after Mr. Harris' suicide he handled the liquidation of the business and the settlement with the creditors; that the Kansas City Sporting Goods Company, which is located in the 900 block on Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, purchased the assets of the Harris Sporting Goods Company, and as a result acquired all the records of the Harris Company. Mr. Davis stated that in view of this the Kansas City Sporting Goods Company might now be in possession of the old records of the Harris Company which would possibly reflect the sale of the four machine guns. Mr. Davis seemed positive that three of the guns had gone to the Police Department and Sheriff's Office, Dodge City, Kansas, and to the Police Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. However, he pointed out that if it was learned that the Oklahoma City Police Department did not take two guns and that if the records at the Police Department, Salina, Kansas, and the records of the old Harris Company, now with the Kansas City Sporting Goods Company of Kansas City, Missouri, failed to show the disposition of the fourth gun, he could not offer any additional information concerning the fourth gun, unless the same might have been sent back to the Colt Company, in connection with the settlement of the Harris Company's debts with the creditors. When agent informed Mr. Davis that Harris Company bought these from the Federal Laboratories, Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he stated that the fourth gun might have been returned to that company in settlement of the Harris Company's debts.

For the information of the Oklahoma City Field Division, Bureau letter dated October 19, 1936 to the Kansas City Field Division set out a list of sub-machine guns sold in the State of Kansas by the Federal Laboratories, Inc. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from 1928 to January, 1936. In the list furnished by the Bureau were four Thompson submachine guns, numbers 5882, 5188, 4683 and 4238, as having been sold to the J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Company, Salina, Kansas. The Bureau desired that a check-up be made in connection with these weapons.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

PREVIOUS RECORD OF

IN 7-526-13793

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION at Salina, Kansas will check the records of the Police Department to determine if the sales of the four Thompson sub-machine guns, numbers 5882, 5188, 4683, and 4238, were reported to that Department by the J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Company of Salina, Kansas, and if so, will determine to whom they were sold.

At Dodge City, Kansas will determine if the Police Department and Sheriff's Office at Dodge City purchased a Thompson machine gun from the J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Co. of Salina, Kansas, and if so, will determine if the guns in their possession possess one of the above numbers.

At Kansas City, Missouri, in the event that the above leads and the lead set out below for the Oklahoma City Field Division fails to account for all the guns, it is suggested that the Kansas City Sporting Goods Company, 900 block, Grand Avenue, be contacted to see if that company still has the records of the Harris company, so that those records can be checked relative to the sale of the four Thompson machine guns.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will determine if the Police Department purchased one or two Thompson machine guns from the J. W. Harris Sporting Goods Company, and if so, will determine if the numbers on the guns are either 5882, 5188, 4683, or 4238.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
July 3, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the letter from this Field Division  
dated June 11, 1937, requesting certain investigation at  
Youngstown, Ohio.

Please give this matter your attention at the  
earliest opportunity.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cincinnati

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1300 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 7, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York City, N.Y.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In view of the information furnished by  
your office to the effect that no further contacts  
should be had with Miss Marie Wiehaus since Andrew  
\*Guarente has been located, this contact was accordingly  
discontinued.

A review of the Philadelphia Office file  
discloses no further investigative leads to be covered  
and accordingly this matter is being Referred Upon Com-  
pletion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

MC:AG  
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G.N. LONDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau  
cc: Cincinnati  
cc: Cleveland

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/6/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/7, 28/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. J. McCABE</b> <b>RES</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE HARBORING OF FUGITIVES NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b>      Mrs. Minnie Anderson, mother of William Fisher, who was killed in a truck smash-up in September, 1934, states she last saw her son in April, 1934. She advises she never knew that he had ever been arrested or that he used an alias. She denies ever operating a hide-out and states she has always resided in Benton Harbor, Michigan.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-P-</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCES:</b>      Report of Special Agent Richard E. Smith dated March 25, 1937, at Detroit, Michigan.</p> <p style="padding-left: 150px;">Report of Special Agent C. E. Greaney dated July 18, 1936, at Pittsburgh, Pa.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b>      <u>AT BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">MRS. MINNIE ANDERSON, 134 Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan, advised that her son, William Fisher, had been killed in an automobile accident in September, 1934, in Butler, Pennsylvania. She stated that her son had not been living in Benton Harbor for two or three years prior to his death but that so far as she knew he had never been arrested and had never used any name other than his own. She advised that she last saw her son alive in April, 1934, and at that time he was driving a truck to the East from Chicago, and stopped at her</p>			
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home for a few hours. She advised that her son had not been married and had lived for the most part in Detroit, Michigan, and Toledo, Ohio, after he moved away from Benton Harbor, Michigan.

She stated that while he was living in Benton Harbor he resided with his sister, Mrs. Glenn Anderson and advised that neither she nor Mrs. Glenn Anderson had ever lived on the outskirts of the city of Benton Harbor. She stated that so far as she knew, none of the family had ever been involved in any criminal activities nor had they ever associated with any criminals and declared that her son, so far as she knew, had never brought any men with him to Benton Harbor, Michigan.

She stated that her son's father, Charles May Fisher, had died in Toledo, Ohio, about 1921 and that he had never remarried after she had divorced him and that so far as she knew he had never been implicated in any criminal activities.

LOWELL MILLER, Deputy Sheriff, Berrien County, St. Joseph, Michigan, advised that the Anderson family enjoyed a good reputation in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

In view of the fact that the investigation has disclosed that the information furnished by Archie Negleman with aliases as set out in the report of Special Agent L. C. Taylor dated April 17, 1936, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has upon investigation, proved to be false, no further investigation concerning the alleged hide-out is being conducted.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

The DETROIT OFFICE at STURGIS, MICHIGAN, will continue its investigation of the lead set out in the report of Special Agent J. W. Warnes dated April 16, 1937, at Buffalo, New York.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 1276  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
JULY 6, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to your letter of July 3, 1937, suggesting that further interviews be had with officials of the Tulsa Police Department in connection with the prosecution of Harry Goldstein for the illegal sale of a .45 caliber pistol found in the possession of Alvin Karpis.

It is my intention to be in Tulsa within the next ten days, at which time I shall interview the appropriate Police officials.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*  
C. W. STEIN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-82

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 7/7/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/1/37	REPORT MADE BY T. F. MULLEN TFM/ehc
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases, FUGITIVE; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

The Aurora, Illinois, Police Department still have in their possession machine gun #8042, as reported by that police department to the Treasury Department on October 31, 1934. The gun in question was purchased by the Aurora, Illinois, Police Department through the Kartheiser & Son Hardware Company of Aurora in 1928.

P.

**REFERENCE:** Letter from Director dated June 14, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

The letter of reference requested that it be determined whether or not the Aurora Police Department still have in their possession machine gun #8042, as reported by that police department to the Treasury Department on October 31, 1934, and also that the name of the individual from whom this gun was purchased be obtained if possible.

At Aurora, Illinois.

Agent contacted C. A. DICKERSON, Desk Sergeant, and upon referring to his records he advised that on October 31, 1934, he reported to the Treasury Department as having machine gun

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>D. M. Ladd</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-1576-14483 JUL 9 1937
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#8042, which was a 1921 model .45 caliber, manufactured by the Colt Firearms Manufacturing Company at Hartford, Connecticut; that this gun was purchased by the Aurora Police Department in 1928 through the Kartheiser & Son Hardware Company, 24 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois. SERGEANT DICKERSON advised Agent that the Aurora Police Department still had this machine gun in their possession. He exhibited this gun to Agent, and the number was verified as being 8042.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
July 7, 1937

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

<sup>0</sup>  
BREKID

Reference is being made to Bureau letter of July 3, 1937, requesting that it be advised as to the nature of the exhibits in the possession of the Clerk of U. S. District Court, St. Paul, as introduced in evidence of the Sawyer and McDonald cases.

The following listed exhibits are those presently in the possession of the U. S. District Court:

Exhibit Nos.

1 to 24, incl.	Sundry and divers ransom notes, letters and envelopes.
25 to 31, incl.	Photographs of house at Bensenville, Illinois and rooms of same.
32	Wall paper in room of house at Bensenville.
35 to 50, incl.	Photographs of various subjects.
51	Envelope in which some ransom notes delivered.
52	Original ransom money lists
53	Printed ransom money lists
54 to 57, incl.	Flashlights &
58	Photograph

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Exhibit Nos.

59	Immigration laws of United States
60 to 65, incl.	Immigration manifests for trips between U.S. and Cuba
66	Photographs of exhibits 60 to 65, incl.
67 to 69, incl.	Records of National Hotel, Havana
70 to 73, incl.	Records of National City Bank Transactions, Havana
75 to 78, incl.	Records of Chase National Bank Transactions, Havana
79 to 86, incl.	Records of National City Bank Transactions, Havana
87 to 89, incl.	Records of McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida
90	Arrival and departure record, El Comodoro Hotel (Withdrawn)
91 to 100, incl.	Registration cards of El Comodoro Hotel, Havana
101	Bell boy call sheets, El Comodoro Hotel
102 & 102A	Registration cards
103	Telegram
104	\$1000.00 bill (withdrawn)
105	Memo re: above \$1000.00 bill
106	Unused portion of airplane ticket
107	Cuban Immigration card
108	Statement of Deft. McDonald
109	Card found in house of Barkers in Florida
110 to 115, incl.	El Comodoro Hotel statements found in Barker's house in Florida.

Exhibit Nos.

116 Telegram found in Barker's house in Florida  
117 Envelope found in Barker's house in Florida  
118 List of \$1000.00 bills  
119 & 120 Receipts of State Court Judge for \$1000  
bills  
121 to 124, incl. Records of destruction of money.

It is respectfully requested that the St. Paul Office  
be advised as to what disposition the Bureau desires to make of these  
particular exhibits.

Very truly yours,

*E. P. Guinane*  
per E.P.G.

E. P. GUINANE  
Special Agent in Charge

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July 16, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

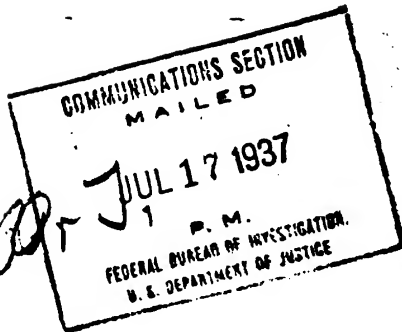
Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated July 7,  
1937, concerning the matter of the exhibits in the pos-  
session of the Clerk of the United States District Court  
at St. Paul, Minnesota, please be advised that these  
exhibits may be forwarded to the Bureau for disposition.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.





TELETYPE

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Dawsey .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Joseph .....  
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Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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FBI CLEVELAND JULY 8, 1937 10-50 AM EST LRL  
DIRECTOR

PHONE. BREKID. USA OFFICE EE CLEVELAND ADVISES BERT AND  
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U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,

Kansas City, Missouri

July 8th, 1937

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING FUGITIVES; OB-  
STRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIRE-  
ARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 17th,  
1937 (Bureau File 7-576), addressed to the Oklahoma City  
Field Office, a copy of which letter was furnished to this  
office, concerning investigation which has been conducted  
of allegations made to the effect that Joseph T. Miller, a  
representative of the Federal Laboratories, Inc., has in  
the past furnished machine guns to criminals.

Please be advised that a review of the Kansas  
City file in this case reveals that the tracing of the  
machine guns in this district has been virtually completed,  
and the file fails to disclose any information indicating  
that submachine guns sold by Miller reached the hands of mem-  
bers of the underworld.

In my opinion, the investigation thus far made  
does not warrant further inquiry into this matter, and unless  
instructions to the contrary are received from the Bureau,  
no further investigation of this matter will be conducted by  
this office.

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Very truly yours, 7-576-14486

Dwight Brantley  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY, *ms*  
Special Agent in Charge. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc Oklahoma City  
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enc 7/16/37*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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July 16, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Machine Guns Sold in States of Oklahoma  
and Kansas by Joseph T. Miller of the  
Federal Laboratories, Inc.

On June 17, 1937, I directed a letter to the Oklahoma City  
and Kansas City Offices, requesting to be advised whether the investi-  
gation conducted by these offices so far indicated that any of the  
machine guns sold by Joseph T. Miller in their districts had reached  
the hands of members of the underworld. The letter also requested  
the opinion of these offices as to whether the facts thus far developed  
warrant further investigation along these lines.

In connection with the above, I had already checked the  
files which indicated that each office had checked approximately fifty  
machine guns which had been sold in its district, and that the investi-  
gation of guns not found in possession of the police departments  
which originally purchased them indicated that they had either been  
returned to the Federal Laboratories, Inc., or had been resold to other  
police departments.

The Bureau is now in receipt of letters from these offices,  
in which both Mr. Brantley and Mr. Stein state that in their opinion  
the investigation thus far made does not warrant further inquiry into  
this matter.

It is suggested, in view of the fact that most of the investi-  
gation of the guns sold in the above-named states has already been  
completed, without any indication that any of the guns have gone astray,  
that further investigation of this matter be discontinued.

Respectfully,

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

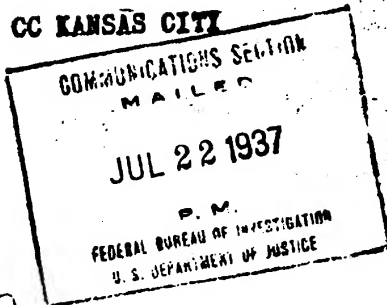
RE: GEORGE TIMINKEY; DR. JOSEPH P.  
MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1232; et al - EDWARD  
GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the investigation being con-  
ducted by the Oklahoma City and Kansas City offices in  
connection with the machine guns sold in the States of  
Oklahoma and Kansas by Mr. Joseph T. Miller, please be  
advised that the investigation thus far made does not  
warrant further inquiry into this matter and said in-  
vestigation should be discontinued.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-7

REPORT MADE AT Peoria, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 7-10-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-30-37	REPORT MADE BY L. W. BRYAN LWB:LM
TITLE GEORGE TIMNEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Kenneth R. Perry, now known as Richard Perry, employed by Illinois Commercial Telephone Company and presently working and living at Washburn, Ill.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum, Kansas City, Missouri, dated June 1, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT VERSAILLES, ILLINOIS:</p> <p>J. E. Hefflin, Postmaster, stated that Kenneth R. Perry had been working out of town for the past several months but that his parents and Amanda Perry presently live in Versailles, Illinois. Mr. Hefflin did not know the address of Kenneth R. Perry.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry stated that their son, Kenneth R. Perry, who now goes under the name of Richard Perry, is employed by the Illinois Commercial Telephone Company at Washburn, Illinois, on a construction project and is living with a minister whose name they do not recall. Mr. Perry said that he expected his son to return to Versailles for a visit on the Fourth of July and would have him call at the Peoria office if possible on his way back to Washburn, Illinois. Accordingly, an envelope bearing the address of the Peoria office was given to Mr. Perry, who promised to have his son call at</p>			
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the Peoria office in the event he returned home on the Fourth of July. Mr. Perry also said that in the event his son did not return home he would secure his present address, as he felt that the construction job at Washburn would soon be completed.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The PEORIA OFFICE at Washburn, Illinois, will locate Kenneth R. Perry, known as Richard Perry, who is employed on a construction job for the Illinois Commercial Telephone Company, and interview him in detail concerning his association with Milton Lett with a view to locating Lett.

Will also exhibit the photograph of the individual by the name of "Babe" for the purpose of discovering his true identity so that "Babe" may be more fully interviewed, as set out in reference report.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-33

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/3/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/10,16/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. H. RICE - FB</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, With Aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No indication Milton Lett is residing at 7337 Weld Street, Oakland, California. 1709 Myone or Mojave Avenue, Oakland, California, fictitious.

P.

**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Oklahoma City Office, dated May 15, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

At Oakland, California.

Investigation has developed that MR. GEORGE ROSE, Husband and MRS. VERA (LILLIAN) ROSE, wife, have resided for over four years at 7337 Weld Street. GEORGE ROSE is between 35 and 40 years of age and is employed by the Fisher Body at the Chevrolet Plant in Oakland, California. VERA ROSE appears to be about the same age as her husband. They are respected citizens in the community in which they reside and are of moderate means. They have no children.

CLAUDE DANNER, Postman, Elmhurst Station, 8915 E. 14th Street, has served mail to the ROSE family since they have resided at 7337 Weld Street. He stated GEORGE ROSE had mentioned to him that he formerly came from Oklahoma and his name was formerly GEORGE ROSANOVICH.

DANNER recalls of delivering mail to the ROSE family from Oklahoma. He was unable to recall of ever seeing anyone who resembles the photograph of

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MILTON LETT at the ROSE residence or delivering mail addressed to MILTON LETT, with aliases. Neither is there any record of these names at the Elmhurst Post Office. MR. DANNER stated that MRS. ARTHUR WATERSON, 7333 Weld Street, next door neighbor to the ROSE family could be contacted confidentially. Casual inquiry by DANNER of MR. WATERSON concerning LETT was with negative results.

The writer interviewed MRS. WATERSON who was unable to identify the photograph of MILTON LETT as resembling anyone who frequents the ROSE residence. She stated the ROSE family have few visitors and she has never observed automobiles bearing out of State licenses, parked at the ROSE residence. MRS. WATERSON advised she is on friendly terms with MRS. ROSE and her conversation with her is casual and of "over the fence" type. She seldom frequents the ROSE residence. From her observation the ROSE family lead a quiet life and are respected residents of that neighborhood.

MRS. WATERSON and MR. DANNER have promised to advise the San Francisco Office if they observe anyone resembling MILTON LETT at 7337 Weld Street.

It is believed both of these individuals are sincere and can be relied upon.

Copies of the photographs of LETT have been furnished these parties.

The office of the Post Office Inspector at Oakland, California, has advised that 1709 Myone or Mojave Avenue, Oakland, California, is fictitious.

Myone or Mojave Avenues, as well as streets or avenues of similar phonetics, are unknown to postal records at Oakland, California.

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P. O. BOX # 1525,  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

July 12, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

re 0 GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P.  
0 MORAN with aliases-FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE  
0 BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following serials,  
in the above entitled case, of the Pittsburgh Field Division  
which either contain leads to be covered in the West Virginia  
district or of interest to your office:

- Serial #725 - Letter of Cincinnati Office to Pittsburgh  
Office dated April 13, 1937.
- " #716 - Report of Special Agent F.G. Tillman,  
Pittsburgh, March 5, 1937.
- " #715 - Report of Special Agent F.G. Tillman,  
Pittsburgh, March 2, 1937.
- " #711 - Report of Special Agent F.G. Tillman,  
Pittsburgh, February 9, 1937.
- " #708 - Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn,  
Cleveland, February 5, 1937.
- " #705 - Report of Special Agent F.G. Tillman,  
Pittsburgh, January 21, 1937.
- " #699 - Letter of Cleveland Office to Pittsburgh  
Office dated January 6, 1937.
- " #697 - Report of Special Agent Eugene X. Humphrey,  
Indianapolis, December 22, 1936.
- " #696 - Report of Special Agent F.G. Tillman,  
Pittsburgh, December 24, 1936.
- " #695 - Circular letter of Cleveland Office to all  
Bureau Field Divisions dated November 20, 1936.
- " #694 - Letter of Cleveland Office to Pittsburgh  
Office dated November 20, 1936.

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Very truly yours,

R. J. UNTREINER  
Special Agent in Charge.

RJU:F  
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Encls.  
cc Bureau Cincinnati

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-63

REPORT MADE AT Washington, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-9-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-20, 6-14, 15, 18-37	REPORT MADE BY R. P. BURRUSS RPB:GS
TITLE GEORGE TIMNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Former personal and business associates of George Gordon Rorke unable to furnish information as to his present whereabouts. Identification Division has no criminal record pertaining to George Gordon Rorke.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- 2 -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent R. P. Burruss dated at Washington, D. C. March 25, 1937.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u></p> <p>MR. WALTER DOSH, brother of the deceased wife of George Gordon Rorke was located at the L.C. Smith and Corona Company, 1018 15th Street, N. W., and he advised that he has not the slightest idea where Rorke is now located and added that he was very desirous of obtaining the address of Rorke's daughter in order that he may correspond with her, as he has always had a very fond feeling for her as a niece. No data was furnished him with respect to same.</p> <p>MR. FRANK BOCHSENREITER, Resettlement Administration, Arlington Hotel Building, District 7900, Branch 86, previously referred to as a former close associate of Rorke, stated that he has not heard or seen him for several years. He recalled that the manager of the local Dictaphone Sales Corporation located in the Munsey Building, had made the remark that he had heard that Rorke was a</p>			
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private secretary to some wealthy man on Long Island, New York.

MR. ERNEST J. SPITZER, local manager of the Dictaphone Sales Corporation located at the Munsey Building, advised that Rorke at one time was connected with the Boston Branch of his corporation, but that he has no information as to his present whereabouts.

MR. ROBERT E. LEFEVRE, Procurement Division, Treasury Department, stated that he has not seen Rorke for several years. He heard two or three years ago that Rorke was in Boston, but he was unable to furnish any definite address. He evidently had reference to Rorke's connection in Boston with the Dictaphone Sales Corporation.

MR. CHARLES ROGERS, Underwood Typewriter Company, 601 13th Street, N. W., was unable to furnish any information as to the present location of Rorke.

Verbal inquiry was made of the Identification Division of the Bureau to ascertain whether there is any criminal record pertaining to George Gordon Rorke. A negative reply was received.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Date July 8, 1937  
2:00 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

On the above date, the writer was interviewed by Mr. A. R. Murphy, Attorney at Law, connected with Attorney Arthur G. Lambert, 218 Munsey Building, Washington, D. C., concerning the claim of his client, Harry L. Sherman, for a reward in connection with the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. Mr. Murphy furnished Agent with the information he had in his possession which formed the basis of Mr. Sherman's claim which was substantially the same as was reported to the Bureau in the letter from the Washington Field office following the interview with Mr. Sherman. Mr. Murphy stated that he had never interviewed Sherman and all of their contact has been through correspondence; that, however, he was interested in determining whether the Bureau secured any leads or information at Tyler, Texas, which later led them to the trail of Karpis resulting in his subsequent arrest. The writer informed Mr. Murphy that Mr. Sherman's information was investigated at Tyler and the inquiries failed to disclose the person or location named by him as being a possible potential hideout for Karpis, and that the information furnished by Sherman had no relationship or in no way aided or had any bearing on the capture of Karpis. It was developed through Mr. Murphy that he understood the individual and location mentioned by Sherman as being a possible hideout which Karpis might contact was at Longview rather than Tyler, Texas and this probably accounts for the fact that the Dallas office was unable to verify the information furnished by Sherman. Mr. Murphy thanked the writer for the interview and left, apparently satisfied that there was no merit to Mr. Sherman's claim for a reward in this case.

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July 12, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re BREKID.

Mr. H. G. Robinson, State Bureau of Identification, London State Prison Farm, London, Ohio, recently contacted this office telephonically and advised that he had obtained some information relative to the whereabouts of subject Tony Amersbach and requested that an Agent contact him in reference to same. Mr. Robinson was contacted by Special Agent J. A. Cimperman at the London State Prison Farm and he advised that the information he had was obtained by him from an inmate by the name of William Harris, OSP #51385, who had escaped from the Ohio State Penitentiary in Columbus, Ohio, in 1923 with subject Amersbach, and according to the information he obtained from Harris, they both went to the residence of a friend of Amersbach located near N. Eaton, Ohio, where they stayed for two days and that Harris is of the opinion that subject Amersbach would undoubtedly return to this place or that the people residing there would know of his whereabouts.

Wm. Harris, OSP #51385, who is presently an inmate of the London State Prison Farm, was also interviewed by Agent Cimperman and he stated that he is well acquainted with subject Amersbach, as he formerly "celled" with him at the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, from which institution they both effected their escape in 1923, and as previously planned by subject Amersbach, they both went to a farm run by a friend of subject near N. Eaton, Ohio, where they stayed for two days in the barn. Harris states that he is unable to recall the name of the individual running this farm at that time (1923) but was of the opinion that it was either Smith or Davis or some other common name and described him as being about 29 years of age in 1923, about 5'6" in height, 135# in weight, with dark hair. He states that this party is also married but that he did not get a chance

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to observe his wife while they were there and to his knowledge, they had one child about a year or so old.

Harris states that subject had previously advised him of this place and stated they were old friends of his, and that he always went there when he got in a scrape and that apparently he was speaking the truth because at the time they went there after effecting their escape, the owner of the farm told subject that he had been expecting him. He also states that they only stayed there two days and then went to Huntington and other cities in West Virginia. He states that if subject had been alone, he undoubtedly would have continued staying there and that after they left the farm, subject did not make any more contacts and was entirely dependent on him for his safety in eluding the law. He states that they stayed together for about 20 days and then separated and that he did not see him again until 1931, at which time they were both arrested in West Virginia. He has not seen him subsequent to that time.

Harris states that this farm may be located by taking the main highway out of North Eaton, Ohio, in an easterly direction and turn to the right at the first road. The house, which is a one-story frame dwelling with an attic, is situated about 200 yards on the left side of the road. There is a small barn in the rear and a grove of pine trees in back of the barn where people usually hold picnics. On the left side of the house is a small apple orchard and on the right is an open field he uses for truck farming. He states that the owner mentioned in 1923 that he was going to build a brick house and it is therefore possible that the brick house may be there at the present time, it being noted that the only time Harris visited this place was in 1923. A small map noting the location of the house was also prepared and is being transmitted herewith for the assistance of the agent conducting the investigation.

It is suggested that an effort be made to locate this house from the map and directions obtained from Harris, with the view of ascertaining whether subject is there at the present time or whether the people who occupy this house (possibly named Davis or Smith) are acquainted with the subject and in communication with him.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Date July 9, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

On July 6, 1937 I telephoned Special Agent Giddens, who was acting in charge at Kansas City in the absence of Mr. Brantley, with reference to the status of the investigation concerning the activities of Hugh Larimer and the matter of locating the body of Earl Christman through the aid of Edna Murray. Agent Giddens advised that these matters had not yet been investigated but were assigned to Special Agent Farland, and that the delay in investigation was caused by the trial of the murderers of Special Agent Baker at Topeka, Kansas.

I informed him that the Bureau desired that these matters be investigated and brought to their logical conclusions at the earliest possible date, and he stated that he would arrange it so that they would receive immediate attention.

I also directed Agent Giddens' attention to Bureau letter dated June 17, 1937, addressed to the Oklahoma City Office, a copy of which was furnished the Kansas City Office, with reference to the investigation being made concerning machine guns sold by Joseph T. Miller in the States of Oklahoma and Kansas, and in which the Kansas City Office was requested to advise as to whether its investigation thus far indicated that machine guns were reaching the hands of criminals and whether in its opinion investigation should be continued. Agent Giddens did not seem familiar with this letter, but promised to immediately check the matter and to advise the Bureau in the immediate future.

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Respectfully,

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REPORT MADE AT <b>KNOXVILLE, TENN.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-12-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-29-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM B. DILLON</b> <span style="float: right;">AEB</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Gen. F. H. Phillips located at Rhea Springs, Tenn., advises Rorke is his first cousin, but that he has not heard of him for five years.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. P. Burruss, Washington, D. C., dated 5-17-37.  
Report of Special Agent J. A. Murphy, Trenton, New Jersey, dated 1-18-37.  
Letter to the Washington Field Division from the Knoxville Field Division, dated 5-23-37, and the reply thereto, 5-26-37.

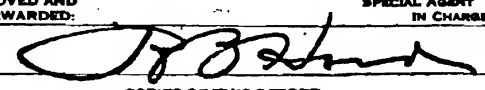

DETAILS:

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. H. Farley:

Inquiry at 704 East Fourth Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, elicited the information that Gen. Fred H. Phillips had moved from there, leaving no forwarding address.

Assistant Superintendent of Mails, John S. Walker, Chattanooga, Tennessee, advised that he was personally acquainted with Gen. Phillips, and that the latter had been receiving his mail through Dr. J. H. Barnett, at 408 McCallie Avenue, and also at Dr. Barnett's office, at 200

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Loveman Building, Eighth and Market Streets.

At Dr. Barnett's office in the Loveman Building, Agent was advised by his receptionist that Dr. Barnett was confined to his home, due to illness. She stated that she knew Gen. Phillips, but had not seen him in sometime, but she believed that he was managing a hotel at Rhea Springs, Tenn. She advised that she did not know the name of the hotel.

Agent contacted Dr. J. H. Barnett at his home, and was advised that Gen. Fred H. Phillips was operating a summer hotel, known as the Rhea Springs Hotel, located at Rhea Springs, Tennessee, and that he believed he could be located there.

The following investigation was made by reporting Agent:

AT RHEA SPRINGS, TENNESSEE:

Gen. Fred H. Phillips was located at Rhea Springs, Tennessee, where he is operating the Rhea Springs Hotel. He advised that he and George Gordon Rorke were first cousins, their respective mothers having been sisters. He stated that Rorke's mother had married Thomas F. Rorke (or O'Rorke) of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and that the marriage had been against the wishes of the Phillips' side of the family, and as a result, the two families had never been friendly.

He advised that he had last seen Rorke, who he constantly referred to as "Gordon," in Washington, D. C., about five years ago. He stated that Rorke's mother had died about that time, and that Rorke had gone to Washington, D. C. for the funeral. He advised that Gordon had been in Newark, New Jersey at the time his mother died, and that he had been located and informed of the death through some lawyer, whose name he did not know, who had offices in the Woodard Building, Washington, D. C. He also stated that Rorke's daughter (name unknown) was in Newark, New Jersey at that time. It was his belief that this girl would be twelve or thirteen years old at present.

He further advised that Rorke's father had been a sergeant in the medical corps, United States Army, and, upon his death about ten years ago, had been buried in a military cemetery near the Soldiers' Home in Washington, D. C. (not Arlington), and when Rorke's mother died, she was also buried in this same cemetery. Rorke's father was supposed to have died in an army hospital of cancer of the stomach, and Rorke's mother had received a pension from the Government, following the death of her husband, and up to the time of her death.

Gen. Phillips went on to say that Rorke had been raised in Brooklyn, New York, and that he had gone through school, and had finally taken a law degree in some Washington, D. C. college. Thereafter, he had worked for some one named "Rogers," selling typewriters, in Washington, D. C. After leaving this employment, he worked at selling safe cabinets for a while. He placed Rorke's age at about forty to forty-five years, and stated that he had never been in the army or navy. According to Gen. Phillips, after working a while, Rorke had taken to drink and had become an habitual drunkard. He stated that he looked like a "bum" at Washington at the time of his mother's funeral, and that after she had been buried, he had sold her personal effects to some junk man, had secured what estate his mother had left, and had supposedly returned to Newark, New Jersey.

According to Phillips, Rorke had been married, separated, and finally divorced from his wife, who later married some doctor. He stated that he had heard that she had either died or committed suicide.

As requested, the report of reference of Special Agent J. A. Murphy is being returned to the Washington Field Division, along with copies of this report.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CINCINNATI DIVISION:

At Cincinnati, Ohio, will immediately notify the Washington Field Division in the event it is unnecessary to cover any of the leads set out below. The reporting Agent is not in possession of a complete file on this case, and the following leads may have been completed previously, or may be unnecessary at this time.

THE WASHINGTON DIVISION:

At Washington, D. C., will endeavor to ascertain which law school was attended by Rorke, and to secure any information of value from the school about him.

Will endeavor to learn the disposition of the estate of Rorke's mother, Mrs. Fred H. Rorke (or Mrs. Fred O'Rorke), who died about 1932 in Washington, D. C., and is supposed to have been buried in a military cemetery near the Soldier's Home in Washington, D. C.

Will endeavor to locate the grave of Fred H. Rorke (or Fred O'Rorke) Rorke's father, who, supposedly, was a sergeant in the medical

corps, United States Army, in order that his army record may be searched for any information regarding relatives with whom Rorke may presently be in contact. This person is supposedly buried in the military cemetery near the Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C.

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Department of Justice  
Washington

July 13, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: United States v. Joseph H. Adams and  
Henry Duke Randall

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The records disclose that there are pending two indictments in the above entitled case. Each of the indictments charges each of the defendants individually with a violation of Section 1132, Title 26, U. S. C. A., commonly known as the Firearms Act. An examination of the reports submitted thereon indicate that the evidence against Randall appears to be quite adequate to sustain a conviction. The only evidence available against Adams, however, is the admission on his part in the statement which he gave to Special Agent in Charge Hanson, that the machine gun in question was obtained by him from Willie Harrison and that he thereafter gave it to Randall. Inasmuch as the trial court held the statement referred to inadmissible, proof of the possession of the gun on the part of Adams appears to be rather difficult.

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The Department, however, as you know, is rather reluctant to dismiss any of the indictments in this case unless it appears that the possibility of conviction is remote. At the same time the Department does not feel that a conviction of Randall with a dismissal of the indictment against Adams is feasible. Accordingly, as stated in the telephone conversation by Mr. J. J. Waters this morning, it is suggested that all available evidence in your possession bearing on the violation of the Firearms Act on the part of either Randall or Adams be placed in a summary report. After the receipt of the same it will be examined to determine whether there is any possibility of obtaining sufficient evidence on which to prosecute Adams.

It is suggested that some of the Agents who worked on the harboring case in Miami may have some leads which

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may tend to show or which, through investigation, might develop evidence of the possession or transfer of the gun on the part of Adams.

Accordingly, it will be appreciated if you will give this case your attention as outlined above.

  
BRIEN McMAHON,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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July 26, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BRIEN McMAHON

RE: UNITED STATES vs. JOSEPH  
H. ADAMS AND HENRY DUKE  
RANDALL.

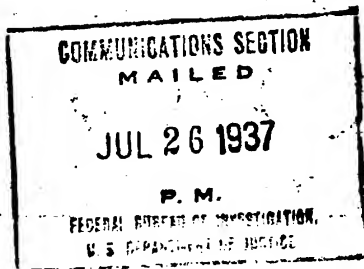
Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum dated July 13, 1937, with reference to the indictment outstanding against Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall, in connection with a possible violation of the National Firearms Act.

With reference to your suggestion that some of the Agents who worked on the harboring case in Miami may have some leads which might be of value in this matter, please be advised that the Bureau file contains all pertinent information which was developed during the Miami investigation. However, a summary will be prepared and furnished you in the near future outlining the facts in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	



*Memos sent to  
McMahon 8-11-37  
stating we will  
defer to his judgment  
re prosecution of  
Adams & Randall  
on Firearms Act.*

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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
July 12, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this office dated June 17, 1937, requesting certain investigation toward locating Greta Swanson, alias Greta Gilstrap, at Memphis, Tennessee, where she is probably engaged in prostitution.

It is kindly requested that this investigation be expedited and this office advised in the premises. As previously stated, it is not desired that this woman be interviewed at this time, nor that she be advised that there is at present an investigation in progress at Hot Springs, Arkansas, relative to Alvin Karpis and Grace Goldstein.

Very truly yours,

CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/12/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/9/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LEON LEVIN</b> <span style="float: right;">ERA</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Tanzay Stewart, nee Smith, at Lansing, Michigan, although employed by Roy Milam at Milam's Landing, Arkansas, for approximately three months, beginning June and ending September, 1935, as maid in Milam's four cottages, unable to identify photographs of Karpis, Hunter, Connie Morris, or Grace Goldstein as individuals who rented one of the cottages during that period. Also claims that none of the patrons of the four cottages ever had a large black Great Dane dog. Indicates no police officers to her knowledge ever at Milam's Landing for the purpose of investigation. Indicates also that one Willie Frank, a colored handyman employed by Roy Milam, may furnish information inasmuch as he took numerous patrons on fishing trips.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from the Little Rock Office to the Detroit Office dated July 3, 1937.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay C. O'Quinn</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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DETAILS:

There are being returned herewith to the Little Rock Office photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Grace Goldstein, Connie Morris, and of a black Great Dane dog, all of which were forwarded to the Detroit Office with reference letter.

At the address 1016 Birch Street, Lansing, Michigan, it was ascertained that Tanzay Smith was presently residing at 1309 Albert Street, Lansing, where interview was had with Tanzay. She stated that her maiden name was Smith and that she was married in April, 1936, and that her name now is Tanzay Stewart. She related she was born at Hope, Arkansas, but spent most of her childhood days in and around Little Rock, Arkansas. Beginning with about 1928 she moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where she stayed off and on for a period of approximately seven years, working as a colored maid at various small hotels and furnished apartments. She was unable to furnish either the names or locations of these various places. In about March, 1935, Tanzay started working as a colored maid for Mrs. Milam who owned and operated a large furnished apartment house at 506 Spring Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas. She stated Mrs. Milam operated a highly respectable apartment house and there was never any question as to the identity of any of its occupants.

Tanzay further advised that Mrs. Milam has a son, Roy, who is married to a girl named LeRue and they for a time lived with Mrs. Milam at 506 Spring Street. During the winter of 1934-1935 and the spring of 1935 Roy caused four cottages to be erected at Lake Hamilton at a point known to Tanzay as Milam's Landing, which cottages were ready for occupancy about the middle of June, 1935, and Roy and his wife moved to one of the four cottages. At about this time, inasmuch as the furnished apartment business was quite slack, Mrs. Milam agreed that Tanzay could proceed to the Lake, which is about six miles from Hot Springs, for the purpose of acting as maid for Roy at the cottage. Some time around the middle or the latter part of June, 1935, Tanzay did go to the lake to act in that capacity.

Tanzay stated that when she went to the cottages they had just been completed and there were no occupants prior to the time she arrived there. Roy and his wife occupied the cottage which Tanzay described as being #2 of the four and distinguished this particular one by stating that it was the cottage from which a clear view of the entire lake could be had and between which and the lake was one other cottage. On the other side of Roy's cottage were the other two cottages and she believed that they were numbered

beginning from the lake front and that they sat in a kind of semi-circle. Tanzay did not reside in the cottage with the Roy Milams but stayed in a small trailer immediately to the rear thereof. Her duties consisted of cleaning the cottage the Milams occupied and also cooking for them and on occasion, when the Milams would leave the lake for several hours or several days, it was likewise her duty to rent the cottages to any prospective patrons. She stated, however, that the Milams very rarely left the lake.

Tanzay was unable to recall if she personally ever rented any of the cottages to any tenants, stating that usually this was taken care of by Roy Milan.

With further respect to her duties as maid, Tanzay stated that she did not enter each cottage every day for the purpose of cleaning but that these cleaning duties were limited to maid service for the cottages which were just emptied; that is, if a tenant would stay a week or two weeks in one of the furnished cottages, at the expiration of that time Tanzay would clean the cottage in preparation for the occupancy by another tenant, otherwise she would have no occasion to enter any of the other three cottages.

Tanzay stated that to the best of her recollection the couples or families which occupied the cottages never had with them any dogs and she was particularly certain that there was never a big black Great Dane dog around the cottages. She stated that the only dog around there was a German Police dog owned by Roy.

Tanzay was questioned also with respect to the types of automobiles seen around the cottages and the license numbers or the States issuing those licenses, but claimed that she never paid any attention to these details. She was particularly unable to recall any Hudson coupe bearing Ohio or any other license.

Tanzay was also questioned particularly with respect to the occupants of cottage #3, as set out in reference letter, but stated that she has no independent recollection at all of the identity of the individuals who might have occupied this cottage. She stated that inasmuch as her duties were primarily limited to keeping the Milan cottage clean, she paid very little attention to the persons who might have occupied the other cottages and was

unable to recall the names or identities of any persons or the locations from which they might have come. However, she felt that all of the tenants in the various cottages over the summer were not from Arkansas but could offer no substantial basis for this statement. The only individuals she could remember as having occupied a cottage there were persons who had two small children—a boy and a girl—and she stated that she recalled these people since these two small children would continually come to her with their small sailboats so that she might aid them in sailing across the lake. She was even unable to advise the names of the children or the surname of the family and indicated also that she had no idea where they came from. She believed they were tenants at the cottage for the longest period of time and that they stayed only for a period of three weeks. These persons occupied the first cottage from the lake.

Tanzay stated also that she is certain she left Milam's Landing on either September 7 or 8, 1935, inasmuch as she is definitely certain that she arrived in Lansing, Michigan, on September 10, 1935, after spending two or three days driving that distance.

During the approximate period of three months she spent at the lake, Tanzay stated that she was away from there for only two nights and three days in succession and this occasion was when Mrs. Milam, Roy's mother, was ill at her home on Spring Street and Tanzay stayed to nurse her and care for the apartment. She was unable, however, to place the date of this occurrence.

Photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Grace Goldstein, and Connie Morris were exhibited to Tanzay but she failed to identify them as being any individuals she recalled every stopping in any of the cottages at the lake. The photograph of the Great Dane was also displayed to her but she was unable to state that she had seen the dog at any place. Tanzay exhibited several photographs of hers and a colored boy named Willie Frank taken at Lake Hamilton and it was noted from one that the background was a black, four-door Chrysler Airflow sedan. This photograph showed the car from the side, no license plates being visible. Tanzay was unable to advise who owned the car or even the type of license plates appearing on it.

With respect to Willie Frank, Tanzay stated that he began working for Roy at the lake at approximately the same time

she went to the lake and that as far as she knows Willie Frank is still employed as a sort of general handyman by Roy. Willie Frank is particularly adept at fixing motorboats, etc., and on occasion acted as a guide in taking tenants out for fishing trips. She believes that Willie Frank can be located through the Milams inasmuch as Mrs. Milam in a letter to her about a month ago advised that Willie Frank was still there.

Aside from Willie Frank, the only other individuals she knew of as having worked for Roy Milam at the lake were an old white man who aided in originally constructing the cottages and who was retained as a carpenter, and a young white man whose name she could not furnish. These two individuals, along with Willie Frank, all lived in Milam's boathouse on the edge of the lake.

With respect to the identities of any other persons who might have been at the lake and in a position to know the various tenants of the cottages, Tanzay informed that to the best of her knowledge the laundry man, the milk man, and the ice man were the only persons who might have had such an opportunity, explaining that the milk man went to the lake every day to deliver milk to the Milam cottage and that he might have delivered milk to other tenants; also, that the ice man and the laundry man might have performed similar services for other tenants. She was unable, however, to advise the names of these men or the companies they represented.

Tanzay stated also that there was a small general store located near the Milam cottages and that it might be possible that the proprietor of that store might have some information regarding the identity of the tenants of the cottages.

Tanzay was questioned with respect to her acquaintance with any police officers of the Hot Springs Police Department and she stated that several years ago she did know one detective but that he was killed some time ago—she believed four or five years ago. She could not advise his name and stated that she did not know nor had she ever heard of Chief of Detectives Herbert "Dutch" Akers or Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin; further, that during the entire time she was at the lake during the summer of 1935 no police officers either from Hot Springs or from any other place questioned her with respect to the identity of any individuals who rented the cottages and she heard no gossip or rumors around the lake that such investigation had been made. She felt positive that if this were the case, she

would have learned of it somehow inasmuch as even now she receives letters from Roy's mother detailing to her gossip concerning various individuals mutually known to them.

Tanzay was unable to furnish any other information concerning her residence at the lake during the summer of 1935; however, for the purpose of attempting to learn the present location of Willie Frank, since it is not known if this information is available to the Little Rock Office, it is stated that Willie Frank at the time Tanzay knew him, which was in June, 1935, roomed with an elderly negro couple in a house immediately across the street from the place where Tanzay roomed. She was unable to furnish the names of the persons with whom she roomed or their exact address but to locate this house she stated that after leaving 506 Spring Street, the home of Mrs. Milam, she would proceed north to the first cross street, which she believed was Guffa. Thereafter she would proceed west on that street, crossing the railroad tracks, these tracks comprising the center of a street. She would further proceed along Guffa in a westerly direction to the first intersection and stated that she lived in the third house before the intersection was reached, this house being located on the south side of the street. From this point Willie Frank resided in a home directly across the street, or on the north side. As a further means of identification, on the southwest corner of the intersection just beyond where Tanzay roomed there was located a large dance hall, the name of which she could not recall.

Tanzay was unable to state the present location of the elderly white man and the young white man, both of whom during 1935 were employed by Roy Milam at the lake.

Inasmuch as this office is without knowledge as to the status of the investigation at Hot Springs, no leads in connection with the above information are being set out.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/9/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/5, 12, 13, 19, 26; 5/8, 17, 24, 25, 27, 28; 6/1, 2, 3, 12, 14, 15/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. A. LOUGHRAN</b> <span style="float: right;">ERA</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases- FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; ANTHONY J. AMERSBACH, with aliases-FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS:</b></p> <p>Anthony Amersback not believed to be in Detroit at the present time. Pete Mason believed to be residing in the neighborhood of St. Aubin and Kirby, Detroit, exact address not as yet known. Informant working on case through Detective Joseph Sheridan of Michigan State Police. Marie Barley, 3119 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, brought before U. S. Commissioner, Detroit, on June 14, 1937, and released on own recognizance after signing \$500 for personal appearance in Federal Court at Toledo, Ohio, during April, 1937, term.</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCES:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent Harry A. Loughran dated 3/26/37 at Detroit, Michigan.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent J. A. Cimperman dated 4/15/37 at Cincinnati, Ohio.</p> <p>Telegram from the Cleveland Office to the Detroit Office dated 5/25/37.</p>			
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Telegram from the Detroit Office to the Cleveland Office dated 5/25/37.

Letter from the Detroit Office to the Cleveland Office dated 5/25/37.

Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee dated 5/27/37 at Cleveland, Ohio.

Letter from the Cleveland Office to the Miami Office dated 6/4/37.

Letter from the Cleveland Office to the Detroit Office dated 6/11/37.

DETAILS:

On May 24, 1937, Special Agent S. K. McKee of the Cleveland Office telephonically advised this office that he had just received information that one Anthony Amersbach, for whom a warrant is presently outstanding in the Cleveland district, was believed to be visiting his brother, Philip Amersbach, a prisoner at the State House of Correction and Branch Prison, Marquette, Michigan. Agent McKee requested that the appropriate authorities at Marquette be contacted and requested to apprehend Amersbach for this Bureau and to immediately notify the Cleveland Office as soon as information was received concerning this individual. It was requested that the information be checked immediately.

Marvin L. Coon, Warden of the State House of Correction and Branch Prison, Marquette, was telephonically contacted on the above date and advised that he would check his records to determine whether an individual by the name of Philip Amersbach was presently incarcerated there and that he would also make arrangements that Anthony Amersbach could be taken into custody if he put in an appearance as a visitor.

- Warden Coon subsequently telephoned this office on the same date, advising that an individual by the name of Ed Summers, alias Joseph Amersbach, alias Philip Amersbach, alias Joseph Phillips, was received at the institution on May 19, 1925, to serve a life sentence, having been convicted of the robbery of a Milburg, Michigan, Branch Bank.

Mr. Coon furnished the following information concerning this person, as disclosed by the prison records:

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[REDACTED]

Relatives and friends of this party as shown by the prison records are as follows:

A. Amersbach - father  
7124 Clark Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

Mrs. Daisy Young - aunt  
14666 Prairie Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan

Mrs. J. C. Wagner - sister  
346 E. 94th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Mrs. Bruce Young - friend

Herbert Reidy - friend  
14666 Prairie Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan

(The Warden advised that Mrs. Bruce Young is apparently the same as Mrs. Daisy Young.)

Warden Coon further informed that Ed Summers, with aliases, had had no visitors recently. He informed that he had taken



the proper steps to see that Anthony Amersbach would be taken into custody in the event he attempted to visit this prisoner and that should this happen, he would immediately notify the Detroit Office by telephone.

Subsequent to the above conversation, which was had by SAC Jay C. Newman with Warden Coon, Mr. Newman communicated by telephone with Agent McKee at the Cleveland Office, informing him of the results of the contact with Warden Coon and it was suggested by Agent McKee that the Detroit Office endeavor to locate Anthony Amersbach through Mrs. Daisy Young and Herbert Reidy. Agent McKee stated that he has complete information concerning Amersbach's relatives and contacts in Cleveland, Ohio.

The following description of Amersbach was furnished by Agent McKee:

Age	40 years old
Height	5 feet 7 or 8 inches
Weight	190 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	White-black, streaked down the middle
Eyes	Brown—piercing
Dress	Nice dresser

The writer on May 25, 1937, conducted neighborhood investigation adjacent to 14666 Prairie Avenue, Detroit, regarding the people residing at the latter address and persons known to have called there. It was ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Young and their adopted son, Herbert Reidy, age about sixteen, reside at this address. No information was developed that anyone fitting the description of Anthony Amersbach was visiting there.

Mrs. Bruce (Daisy) Young, 14666 Prairie Avenue, Detroit, was interviewed and questioned regarding Phil Amersbach. She stated that she is in no way related to this man whom she corresponds with at Marquette Prison under the name of Ed Summers, but that Phil Amersbach prior to going to the penitentiary lived with a woman named Kate Means and that this woman had a daughter by the name of Frances who was raised by Mrs. Young up until a few years ago, at which time Frances, having reached the age of twenty-three, left her and her present whereabouts are unknown. Mrs. Young stated that the last she heard of Kate Means was that she had been in the Women's Reformatory at Dwight, Illinois. She stated she had heard that this party had been released from that institution but believed that information regarding her present whereabouts could be determined there.

Questioned as to whether she knew Anthony Amersbach, she stated that she had never met him but that Phil Amersbach had mentioned Tony in his letters on numerous occasions. She stated that she thought Kate Means would probably know where Tony is at the present time. In regard to this matter, Mrs. Young stated that she had received two letters from Phil Amersbach on May 9 and 16, 1937, in which he requested her to locate Tony, his brother, as he wanted to get in touch with him right away and that in order to find Tony she should contact Danny Sutherland at the Chesterfield Inn on Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, and through him contact Tommy, Joe, and Eileen (last names not given) and stated that these parties would know where Tony is located.

In addition, Mrs. Young stated that Phil has a brother located in either Rochester, New York, or New York City, who is a doctor and whose name is George Amersbach.

The 1936 American Medical Directory lists the name of Joseph Cornelius Amersbach, born in 1902, as having offices at 105 E. 53rd Street, New York City, and as residing at 277 Park Avenue in that City.

Sergeant Joseph M. Sheridan of the Michigan State Police was interviewed at the Detroit Office subsequent to the above interview and advised that the party referred to by Mrs. Young as Danny Sutherland was really Danny Sullivan; that he is believed to be hanging out at the present time at 21 W. Elizabeth Street, Detroit; that he had formerly operated the Chesterfield Gambling House on Gratiot Avenue but that this place had been closed down. He stated that he did not believe it would do any good to contact Sullivan directly in regard to this case as he would no doubt protect Subject Amersbach. He suggested contacting the Detroit Police Department regarding this individual.

Inspector Harry Schouw, Holdup Squad, Detroit Police Department, was contacted and advised that the Eileen referred to by Mrs. Young is probably a prostitute known as Eileen "The Pig." He had never heard of Tony Amersbach but did recall Phil Amersbach and also recalled that Deputy Chief of Detectives William Collins had worked on a case in which Phil Amersbach was arrested. He suggested contacting this individual in regard to Tony Amersbach and his present location.

Inspector Schouw was of the opinion held by Sergeant Sheridan that Danny Sullivan would not be reliable in furnishing information as to the present whereabouts of Tony Amersbach and thought it would do no good to contact him.

Deputy Chief of Detectives William Collins, Detective Bureau, Detroit Police Department, was interviewed and stated that Danny Sullivan had formerly operated a gambling establishment some place in Florida; that he had later operated the Chesterfield Gambling House on Gratiot Avenue and Fourteen Mile Road, but that he was at present hanging out at 21 W. Elizabeth Street, Detroit. He recalled Tony Amersbach as being from Cleveland, Ohio, and that he formerly lived in Detroit somewhere on Congress Street, his address or definite location not being remembered by him. Deputy Collins stated that he was one of the officers in 1923 who arrested Tony's brother, Phil Amersbach, on a robbery armed charge and stated that at that time Phil was connected with "Little Willie", exact name not recalled; Charles Butler, alias O'Neil, and a few other hoodlums. He stated that when they arrested Phil Amersbach at an apartment in Detroit, together with the above individuals, they found everything from revolvers to T and T but the crowd, upon prosecution, was acquitted on the grounds that there had been an illegal search.

Deputy Collins stated that he has several confidential informants who know Danny Sullivan and Eileen "The Pig", together with other members of the hoodlum class, and that he could determine in a very short time if Tony Amersbach were in town.

Agent subsequently contacted Deputy Collins and he advised that it was his opinion from the information he had received from his informants that Tony Amersbach was not at present in Detroit and that if he came to Detroit the best place to look for him would be at Fishers Tavern, 666 Lothrop Avenue, across from the Fisher Building. He stated that this place is operated by Charlie Fisher, an underworld character from Toledo, Ohio, and that at present he was catering to a bunch of hoodlums.

The records of the Identification Bureau of the Detroit Police Department failed to show any record on Anthony Amersbach.

The record on Phil Amersbach, alias Joe Summers, alias Ed Summers, alias Joseph Phillips, alias Smith, alias Philip Auerback, showed that he had been sent to Marquette State Prison for his implication in the robbery of the Milburg Bank at Milburg, Michigan, and that he was captured prior to his sentence at South Bend, Indiana, on February 21, 1925. His associates were shown to be Leo Hennessee, alias William Charles Butler, alias O'Neil, alias "Skinny" Banker, Detroit Police Department #14449; Frank Kling,

alias Frank King, Toledo Police Department #9375; John Marshall, Toledo Police Department 9417; James Long, Toledo Police Department #3960; Edward Gilmore; Ed Brant, Detroit Police Department #21292; E. W. Murray, alias James Allison, Toledo Police Department #9385.

In 1917 Phil Amersbach resided at 7120 Park Avenue, Detroit.

There was also a notation that Phil Amersbach had been arrested by the police department at Cleveland, Ohio, on April 17, 1917, and was sentenced to five years in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, the charge not being given.

Phil Amersbach's number at Marquette Prison is shown to be 3765.

of From the date of the dictation of the reference report/the writer, a surveillance was maintained at the Chene-Trombley Recreation Parlor, Chene and Trombley Streets, Detroit, on Monday nights up to and including April 26, 1937, during which time there was no indication that Pete Arzesinski, alias Pete Mason, was contacting this place. It will be noted that the last date upon which the police bowled at this parlor was on March 29, 1937. It will also be noted that the only time Pete Mason was observed at this address was on March 8, 1937, and that he did not contact the bowling alley subsequent to that date.

Agent continued to maintain a contact with Frank Blaszik, Detective-Lieutenant of the Seventh Precinct of the Detroit Police Department, and on May 25, 1937, Lieutenant Blaszik advised that he was riding in a scout car of the Seventh Precinct one afternoon, the exact hour not being recalled, about a week previously and that he saw Pete Mason get off the streetcar at the corner of Warren and Grandy Avenues, going from the streetcar into the park which is a block square, bounded by Warren, Grandy, Hancock, and Chene Avenues. It was his opinion that this party spent most of his afternoons in the park.

Agent conducted a surveillance intermittently during the afternoons and early evening around the above park on May 25, 28, and June 1, 1937, without seeing any sign of Pete Mason. On

June 2, 1937, at about 3:20 p.m. Agent walked through this park and observed Pete Mason playing cards with a group of elderly men who were closely observed and it was definitely ascertained that Benson Groves was not in this group.

Agent immediately contacted the Detroit Office and Special Agents C. A. Grill and J. G. Fellner were sent out to aid in the conducting of a surveillance, the surveillance being maintained by the three Agents continuously until 8:45 p.m. At this time a storm came up and the men in the park were forced to flee for shelter. As it had grown dark, Agent Fellner, who had previously observed Pete Mason, moved into the crowd where Mason was still playing cards. When the rain started, Mason walked to the corner of Chene and Warren Avenues, Agent Fellner following him, and from there proceeded north on Chene to Frederick. Turning at this corner, Mason went west, passing Dubois and entering the alley on the north side of Frederick, just north of Dubois. He proceeded up this alley to the intersection of the alley in the middle of this block where he turned to the left. Agent Fellner proceeded down the alley at a cautious distance but when he reached the turn Mason had disappeared.

Agent Fellner was subsequently joined by Agent Grill and the writer and he advised of the above circumstances, whereupon a surveillance was made of this alley by means of Bureau automobile and it was determined that the block bounded by Dubois, Frederick, St. Aubin, and Kirby has an H alley, one alley running from Frederick to Kirby for the houses on Dubois and St. Aubin. Another alley runs from Dubois to St. Aubin for the houses on Frederick and also an alley runs from Dubois to St. Aubin for the houses on Kirby.

Pete Mason was not observed to leave this alley for some time subsequently and the surveillance was discontinued.

On June 3, 1937, R. J. Kortas, Carrier #713 of the Gratiot Branch of the Detroit Post Office, was interviewed and after checking the records advised that he had no forwarding address for anyone by the name of Peter Wrzesinski, with aliases, and that he knew of no one residing in the block bounded by Frederick, Dubois, Kirby, and St. Aubin by that name or known aliases. He stated that there had been no one new to that block who had moved in during the last two years that he knew of as the people to whom he delivers mail are all long-time residents.

Mr. Kortas was shown the photograph of Pete Mason and stated that he would keep a lookout for this party during the course of his carrying the route and that if he saw him or ascertained his present address, he would immediately notify the Detroit Office. He

also stated that he was certain there were no rooming houses located in the block bounded by the above mentioned streets. Regarding the rooming houses on his route, Mr. Kortez stated that there are only two he knows of, one at 5329 Chene in the upper part of the building, which is operated by a man named Frank Moikowski, and the other is located at 5439 Chene and is operated by Leo Kurzoutkowska. As far as he knew, the occupants of both of these rooming houses are working people.

The 1936 Detroit City Directory was checked as to the block bounded by the above streets but no one was found with any name similar to that of Peter Wrzesinski, with aliases.

Sergeant Sheridan was subsequently interviewed and he advised that he recalled Pete Mason very well; that he had during the past few years operated out of Toledo, Ohio, and that one of his contact men is Ike Bystrom of Toledo who Sergeant Sheridan believes resides at the Sheridan Hotel in Toledo. Another associate of Mason from Toledo is Mike Johnson.

Sergeant Sheridan was of the opinion that Pete Mason, if he were in Detroit, was either casing some future job or was hiding out here should he be wanted any place. He thought that his stay would probably only be temporary because there are too many members of the Detroit Police Department who would pick him up on general principles if they saw him.

Sergeant Sheridan further advised that he had some very reliable informants who would be able to determine the present address where Mason was residing. Sergeant Sheridan was subsequently contacted and he advised that his informants had stated that Pete Mason was around Detroit and was believed to be residing somewhere in the neighborhood of Chene and Warren but the exact address has not as yet been ascertained. He further stated that he had been so busy on recent bank robbery cases he had not a great deal of time to devote to this matter but that he would make it a point to work diligently on it in the future and thought he would be able to advise this office of Mason's address.

Deputy Collins was recontacted and advised that he had ascertained that Eileen "The Pig's" real name is Eileen Clark and that the Tommy referred to by Mrs. Young was probably Tommy Nelson, alias Tommy Murphy, who was formerly living at her house. Deputy Collins was unable to advise as to who the other party referred to was.

Deputy Collins stated that Eileen Clark was supposed to be running a house of prostitution on Cass Avenue near Palmer and that her house is a large house on the lefthand side of the street as one goes north from downtown.

Efforts should be made to continually contact Deputy Chief of Detectives William Collins and Sergeant Joseph M. Sheridan of the Michigan State Police in an effort to locate Anthony Amersbach and also to determine the present residence of Pete Mason.

On May 24, 1937, the Detroit Office was in receipt of a letter from the Cleveland Office inclosing two subpoenas, together with copies thereof commanding the presence of Ruth Wells and Marie Barley before the United States Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio, on May 26, 1937. The Detroit Office on May 25, 1937, telegraphically advised the Cleveland Office of the service of these subpoenas and a letter was dispatched on that day inclosing the returns on the subpoenas of the above two parties made by the writer.

It will be noted that Ruth Wells is married to Danna Cessna and resides at 2624 Geimer Avenue, Hamtramck, Michigan, and that Marie Barley at present is residing at 3119 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, and is employed at the Ainsworth Manufacturing Company in this city. It will be noted that the subpoena served on Ruth Wells was unsigned but no comment was made by this party at the time of the service.

On June 12, 1937, the Detroit Office was in receipt of a letter from the Cleveland Office regarding the forwarding of a warrant for Marie Barley which had a non-est return thereon made by the United States Marshal at Cleveland, Ohio, warrant and subpoena having been sent to the United States Attorney at Detroit with the request that the subpoenas be given to Agents of this Bureau for service. This subpoena was issued in order that the Bureau might have more obvious jurisdiction in the event the witness were intimidated and it was suggested by E. B. Freed, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio at Cleveland, Ohio, that \$500 be placed on this individual and that she be released upon her own recognizance. The Detroit Office was requested to explain to Marie Barley at the time of the service of this warrant that she would not have to appear in Toledo immediately and that she would be notified as to the time of the trial at a later date and that the purpose of the warrant is to give the Bureau immediate jurisdiction in the event she is intimidated.

It was also stated that Marie Barley should be requested to notify Bureau Agents immediately in the event any person or group of persons approached her with a view of intimidating her with reference to this case.

On June 12, 1937, Agent located Marie Barley at the Ainsworth Manufacturing Company, Detroit, and escorted her to the office of the United States Commissioner, J. Stanley Hurd, where she was arraigned under a warrant issued by the Commissioner on a complaint filed by Assistant United States Attorney Ken F. Corbitt charging her with being a material witness in the above entitled case and notifying her that it would be necessary for her to appear in the trial of this case at Toledo, Ohio, some time during the April, 1937, term of court. The Commissioner released Marie Barley on her own recognizance after she had signed a bond in which she agreed she would be liable to \$500 if she failed to appear when requested, as stated above.

Marie Barley was advised of the nature of the subpoena and the reason for same and stated that should anyone attempt to intimidate her in any way she would immediately contact the Detroit Office, but to date she has not.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: The NEW YORK OFFICE at New York City, N. Y., will make a discreet investigation in the neighborhood of the residence of Dr. Joseph Cornelius Amersbach, reported in the 1936 American Medical Directory as 277 Park Avenue and 105 E. 53rd Street as his office address. It will be noted that there is a warrant outstanding in the Northern District of Ohio for the arrest of Anthony Amersbach and it is thought that he may be contacting his brother in New York.

Will also check the New York City Directory to see if anyone named Dr. George Amersbach is practicing in that city.

The PEORIA OFFICE at Dwight, Illinois, will ascertain from the Women's Reformatory the present address of Kate Means who was reported to have once been an inmate of that institution.

The DETROIT OFFICE at Detroit, Michigan, will make a discreet investigation at 666 Lothrop Avenue, a cafe or tavern reported to be run by Charlie Fisher, with a view to locating Anthony Amersbach.



Will continue to contact Sergeant Sheridan regarding Pete Mason and regarding Anthony Amersbach.

Will maintain a similar contact with Deputy Chief of Detectives William Collins, Detroit Police Department, regarding Anthony Amersbach's presence in Detroit.

Will continue to contact Detective Lieutenant Frank Blassik of the Seventh Precinct, Detroit Police Department, for any information he may have regarding the residence of Pete Mason.

Will review the report of Special Agent J. A. Cimperman dated April 15, 1937, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and make a discreet investigation of the relatives of Peter Wrzesinski as set forth in that report, to determine if this party is residing with any of them.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

July 12, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH  
P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232 -  
FUGITIVE; ANTHONY J. DAMERSBACH, with  
aliases - FUGITIVE; et al; EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - VICTIM; Kidnaping; Harboring  
of Fugitives; Obstruction of Justice;  
National Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Bureau letter dated June 8, 1937, re-  
questing that an agent acquainted with Miss Juanita L. Robleto,  
interview her with reference to an undated letter written by her  
at Toledo, Ohio, enclosing a newspaper clipping, Special Agent H.  
B. Dill, who is acquainted with Miss Robleto, contacted her on the  
morning of July 11, 1937, and courteously informed her that this  
Bureau has furnished no information to the press concerning her  
connection with this case.

After some conversation, Miss Robleto admitted that she  
was thinking of this matter entirely too much and that she suspected  
everybody of knowing that she was connected with the case. She  
stated that her feelings were caused, for the most part, by her frame  
of mind, and that she, no doubt, will get over it in time. She in-  
formed that the day the newspaper article in question appeared in  
the paper, her name appeared in the Society Section of the paper,  
with reference to a wedding at Toledo, Ohio, and that this upset her  
nerves, in view of the fact that she believed everyone who read the  
article with reference to the wedding would stop when they came to  
her name and make some remark with reference to her connection with  
the apprehension of Campbell and Coker.

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Miss Robleto stated to Agent Dill that she would like to  
get away from Toledo and that she would leave if she could get a job  
elsewhere. She questioned agent with reference to a job with the  
government, but it was explained to her that this Bureau had no  
positions to offer, which she might be qualified to fill nor was

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**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

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July 14, 1937.

Time - 10:30 A.M.  
(7/13/37)

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: FIREARMS INDICTMENTS  
IN FLORIDA IN BREKID  
CASE

Mr. J. J. Waters of the Department called with reference to the two indictments pending in Florida against Duke Randall and Joe Adams, respectively. He stated that the Department had looked over the indictments and that perhaps the indictment against Duke Randall is the stronger of the two. He wanted to talk to Mr. McIntire with reference to this case. I told him Mr. McIntire was out of town and would not return until July 26th.

Mr. Waters said he would send a brief memorandum to the Director concerning the desired interview with someone who is familiar with the two indictments and that he would suggest a review be made of all the reports in our files summarizing the evidence obtained to date.

I told him that no action would be taken until we received his memorandum concerning this matter.

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*  
A. Rosen.

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